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Time's Changes.

BY THE LATE WINTHROP MACWORTH PRAED.

I saw her once—so freshly fair
That, like a blossom just unfolding,
She opened to Life's cloudless air,
And Nature joy'd to view its moulding.
Her cheek's fine hue divinely glowing—
Her rose bud mouth—her eyes of jet—
Around on all their light bestowing
Oh! who could look on such a form,
So nobly fine, so softly tender,
And darkly dream that earthly stores
Should dim such sweet, delicious splendor!
Fear in her mien, and in her face,
And in her young step a fairy lightness,
Sought could the raptured gazer trace
But Beauty's glow, and Pleasure's brightness.

I saw her twice—an altered charm—
But still of magic richest, rarest,
Thus girlhood's intermate less warm,
Though yet of earthly sights the fairest
Upon her breast she held a child,
The very image of its mother
Which ever to her smiling smiled.
They seem'd to live but in each other—
But sadness came, or darking woe,
Her thoughtless maiden look had banished
And from her cheek the roseate glow
Of girlhood's balmy morn had vanished
Within her eyes, upon her brow,
Lay something softer, fondier, deeper,
As if in dreams some vision'd woe
Had broke the Elysium of the sleeper.

I saw her thrice—Fate's dark decree
To wedlow's garments had arrayed her
Yet beautiful she—and to be,
As even my lovelorn poetry'd her;
The glow, the glance had passed away
The sunshine and the sparkling glitter
Still, though I noted pale decay
The retrospect was scarcely bitter
For in their place a calmness dwell
Serene, subdued, enchaning, holy
In feeling which, the bottom felt
That every tender mirth is folly—
A quietude, which is not grief,
A stillness—as of music's strain—
A tinge flow on shrub and leaf
Till earth looks like a landscape dreaming.

A last time—and unnerved she lay
Beyond life's dim, uncertain river,
A glorious mood of fading—say
From whence the spark had fled forever
I gazed—my bosom's so like to burst—
And as I thought of years departed
The years wherein I saw her first,
When she, a girl, was tender hearted—
And when I mused on later days,
As more of she in her matron duty
A happy mother, in the blaze
Of open hope, and sunny beauty—
I felt the chill—I turned aside—
Black Desolation's cloud came over me,
And Being seem'd a troubled tide,
Where wrecks in darkness was before me!

Master Humphrey's Clock.

THE CLOCK-CASE.

A CONFESSION FOUND IN A PRISON IN THE TIME OF CHARLES THE SECOND.

I held a lieutenant's commission in His Majesty's army, and served abroad in the campaigns of 1673 and 1674. The treaty of Nimeguen being concluded, I returned home, and retiring from service withdrew to a small estate lying a few miles east of London, which I had recently acquired in right of my wife.

This is the last night I have to live, and I will set down the naked truth without disguise. I am neither a brave man, and had always been from my childhood of a secret, sullen, distrustful nature. Speak of myself as if I had passed from the world, for while I write this my grave is digging and my name is written in the black book of death.

Soon after my return to England, my only brother was seized with mortal illness. This circumstance gave me slight or no pain, for since we had been men we had associated but very little together. He was open-hearted and generous, a better than I, more accomplished, and generally beloved. Those who sought my acquaintance shunned or at home because they were friends to him, seldom attached themselves to me long, and usually say in our first conversation they were surprised to find two brothers so unlike in their manners and appearance. It was a habit to lead them on to this avowal, for I love to whet companionship they must draw between him and me, and having a rankling envy in my heart, I used to gratify it in myself.

We had married two sisters. This additional tie drew us, as it may appear to some, only closer to the more. His wife knew me well. I struggled with any secret jealousy or gall she was present, but that woman knew it as well as I did. I never raised my eyes at such times but I found hers fixed upon me; I never fixed them on the ground or looked another way, but I felt that she overlooked me always. It was an inexplicable relief to me when we quarrelled, for a greater relief still when I heard abroad that she was dead. It seems to me now as if strange and terrible foreshadowing of what happened since, must have hung over us then. I was afraid of her, she haunted me, her fixed and lady look came back upon me now like a memory of a dark dream, and makes my blood chill and shortly after giving birth to a child—

When my brother knew that all hope of his recovery was past, he called my wife to his side and confided this orphan, a child of three years old, to her protection. He bequeathed to her all the property he had, and willed that in the event of the child's death it should pass to my wife in fee, acknowledgment he could make her for her care and love. He exchanged a few brotherly words with me deploring our long separation, and being exhausted, fell into a slumber from which he never awoke.

We had no children, and as there had been a coldness between the sisters, and my wife almost supplied the place of a mother to this child she loved him as if he had been her own. Child was ardently attached to her; but he was a mother's image in face and spirit, and I mistrusted me.

I can hardly fix the date when the feeling first sprung up in me, but I soon began to be uneasy with this child was by. I never roused myself to some measure of thought, but I marked nothing at me not with more childish wonder with something of the purpose and meaning that I had so often noted in his mother. It was an effect of my fancy, founded on close resemblance of feature and expression. I never took the boy down. He feared me, but I by some instinct to despise me while he and even when he drew back beneath my eyes he would when we were alone, to retire to the door—he would keep his bright eyes on me still.

I hope I hide the truth from myself, but I do think that when this began, I meditated to do my wrong. I may have thought how pleasant his inheritance would be to us, and have wished him dead, but I believe I had no right of compassing his death. Neither did I come upon me at once, but by very slow and imperceptible steps at first in dim shapes at a great distance, as men may think of an evil day or the last day—then drawing nearer and losing something of its horror and mystery—then coming to be part and parcel, as it were the whole aim and substance of my thoughts, and rendering itself into a question of life and safety; not of doing or abstaining to do the deed.

While this was going on within me, I never could bear that the child should see me looking at him, and yet I was under a fascination which made it a kind of business with me to contemplate his slight and fragile figure and think how easily it might be done. Sometimes I would steal up stairs and watch him as he slept, but usually I hovered in the garden near the window of the room in which he learnt his little tasks, and there as he sat upon a low seat beside my wife, I would peer at him for hours together from behind a tree: starting like the guilty wretch I was at every rustling of a leaf, and still gliding back to look and start again.

Hard by our cottage, but quite out of sight, and (if there were any wind a stir) of hearing too, was a deep sheet of water. I spent days in shaping with my pocket-knife, a rough model of a boat, which finished at last and dropped in the child's way. Then I withdrew to a secret place which he must pass if he stole away alone to swim this bauble, and lurked there for his coming. He came neither that day nor the next, though I waited from noon till nightfall. I was sure that I had him in my net, for I had heard him prattling of the toy, and knew that in his infant pleasure he kept it by his side in bed. I felt no weariness or fatigue, but waited patiently, and on the third day he passed me, running joyously along, with his silken hair streaming in the wind and he singing—God have mercy upon me?—singing a merry ballad—who could hardly lisp the words.

I stole down after him, creeping under certain shrubs which grow in that place, and none but devils know with what terror I, a strong full-grown man, tracked the footsteps of that baby as he approached the water's brink. I was close upon him, had sinth upon my knee and raised my hand to thrust him in, when he saw my shadow in the stream and turned him round.

His mother's ghost was looking from his eyes. The sun burst forth from behind a cloud: it shone in the bright sky, the glistening earth, the clear water, the sparkling drops of rain upon the leaves. There were eyes in everything. The whole great universe of light was there to see the murder done. I know not what he said; he came of bold and manly blood, and child as he was, he did not crouch or fawn upon me. I heard him cry that he would try to love me—not that he did—and then I saw him running back toward the house. The next I saw was my own sword naked in my hand, and he lying at my feet stark dead—dabbled here and there with blood, but otherwise no different from what I had seen him in his sleep—in the same attitude too, with his cheek resting upon his little hand.

I took him in my arms and laid him—very gently now that he was dead—in a thicket. My wife was from home that day and would not return until the next. Our bed-room window, the only sleeping room on that side of the house, was but a few feet from the ground, and I resolved to descend from it at night and bury him in the garden. I had no thought that I had failed in my design, no thought that the water would be dragged and nothing found, that the money must now lay waste since I must encourage the idea that the child was lost or stolen. All my thoughts were bound and knotted together in the one absorbing necessity of hiding what I had done.

How I felt when they came to tell me that the child was missing, when I ordered scouts in all directions, when I gasped and trembled at every one's approach, no tongue can tell or mind of man conceive. I buried him that night. When I parted the boughs and looked into the dark thicket, there was a glow worm shining like the visible spirit of God upon the murdered child. I glanced down into his grave when I had placed him there, and still it gleamed upon his breast: an eye of fire looking up to Heaven in supplication to the stars that watched me at my work.

I had to meet my wife, and break the news, and give her hope that the child would soon be found. All this I did—with some appearance, I suppose, of being sincere, for I was the object of no suspicion. This done, I sat at the bed-room window all day long, and watched the spot where the dreadful secret lay.

It was in a piece of ground which had been dug up to be newly turfed, and which I had chosen on that account as the traces of my deeds were less likely to attract attention. The men who had down the grass must have thought me mad. I called to them continually to expedite their work, ran out and worked beside them, trod down the turf with my feet, and hurried them with frantic eagerness. They had finished their task before night, and then I thought my self comparatively safe.

I slept—felt as men do who wake refreshed and cheerful, for I did sleep, passing from vague and shadowy dreams of being hunted down, to visions of the plot of grass, through which now a hand and now a foot and now the head itself was starting out. At this point I always woke and stole to the window to make sure that it was not really so. That done I crept to bed again, Mistaking my emotion they were endeavoring to cheer me with the hope that the boy would certainly be found—great cheer that was for me—when we heard a low, deep howl, and presently there sprung over the wall two great dogs, who bounding into the garden repeated the baying sound we had heard before.

"Blood-hounds!" cried my visiters.

What need to tell me that! I had never seen one of that kind in all my life, but I knew what they were, and for what purpose they had come. I grasped the elbows of my chair, and neither spoke nor moved.

"They are of the genuine breed," said the man whom I had known abroad, "and being out for exercise have no doubt escaped from their keeper. What noble animals they are!"

Both he and his friend turned to look at the dogs, who, with their noses to the ground, moved restlessly about, running to and fro, and up and down, and across, and round in circles, careering about like wild things, and all this time taking no notice of us, but ever and again lifting their heads and repeating the yell we had heard already, then dropping their noses to the ground again, and tracking earnestly here and there. They now began to snuff the earth more eagerly than they had done yet, and although they were still very restless, no longer beat about in such wide circuits, but kept near to one spot, and constantly diminished the distance between themselves and me.

At last they came up close to the great chair on which I sat, and raising their frightful howl once more, tried to tear away the wooden rails that kept them from the ground beneath. I saw how I looked in the faces of the two who were with me.

"They scent some prey," said they, both together.

"They scent no prey!" cried I.

"In Heaven's name, more," said the one I knew, very earnestly, "or you will be torn to pieces."

"Let them tear me limb from limb, I'll never leave this place!" cried I. "Are dogs to hurry men to shameful deaths! Hew them down, cut them in pieces."

"There is some foul mystery here!" said the officer whom I did not know, drawing his sword. "In King Charles's name, assist me to secure this man."

They both set upon me and forced me away, though I fought and bit and caught at them like a madman. After a struggle they got me quietly between them, and then, my God! I saw the angry dogs tearing at the earth, and throwing it up into the air like water.

What more have I to tell? That I fell upon my knees and with chattering teeth confessed the truth, and prayed to be forgiven. That I have since denied and now confess to it again. That I have been tried for the crime, found guilty, and sentenced. That I have not the courage to anticipate my doom or to bear up manfully against it. That I have no compassion, no consolation, no hope, no friend. That my wife has happily lost for the time those faculties which would enable her to know my misery or here. That I am alone in this stone dungeon with my evil spirit, and that I die to-morrow!

I Stood by the Grave.

I stood by the grave, and the dark night came
From the evening couch of fleecy flame
The lone stars shed their silver rays
On a form more lovely and pale than they
I stood on the grave, and I thought how soon
From its sleep I should welcome the lady moon

The ivy shook, as the wild bat flew
On its path of night, over the tourless dead
The willows waved on the cliffs by wind
That softly across the leaf tones passed
And weeping over my kindred clay,
I stood by the grave where my fathers lay.

I stood by the grave, and the waking moans
That whispered over the blushing bower
I stood by the grave, and the flowers that grew
Rank and wild amidst cool yew-trees flew
I stood on the grave, and I wished that the breeze
Should thus blow on me, when I slept like these!

I stood by the grave and my young heart felt
Its hopes and its fears together melt
How the blow of life, which I feared so well
Had vanished, I could not, I could not tell,
But I felt that my spirit was free, free
Straying in light through heaven's blue sea

I stood by the grave, and I turned away
From all that on earth could man my stay
In the disdained world no place was high
Mid the toil of heart, and the bright of eye
But I felt that I soon should leave them all
For the—hatred's hand and the death-wine's ball

Oh, there are many, and fond and gay
Who will weep my spirit to its parted away
And they will think how I have been
Thoughtless as night of their thoughtless scene
Yet, I stood by the grave, and I only sighed
For the hour that should tell them—that I had died!

I dreamed that my manhood, one violet pain
Of life only have, let me live fond faith
But a fostering curse has blighted me
Ere the blossom had dropped from the withered tree
Still I stood by the grave, and wished that I
In its parted bed could meekly lie

I stood by the grave—a single hour
And unchangeably I would make a pleasant bower
For a willow, and cypress, and rosemary
A chaplet fresh should weave for me
And my nuptial feast the worms should share
Shuffling their draughts from the white skulls there!

INSURANCE AND ASSURANCE

Bernardine—I have been thinking hard all night, and will have more time to prepare me, if they shall be at out my friends with halters. I will not consent to die this day, that's certain.

Duke—Oh sir, you must, and therefore I beseech you look fairer and see the matter you shall die.

Bernardine—I assure I will not die to-day for any man's persuasion. Measure for Measure.

"It is inconceivable to the virtuous and praiseworthy part of the world, who have been born and bred to respectable idleness, what terrible straits are the lot of those scandalous rogues whom fortune has left to shift for themselves!" Such was my feeling ejaculation when full of penitence for the sin of urgent necessity, I wended my way to the attorney who had swept together, and, for the most part picked up the crumbs which fell from my father's table. He was a little, grizzled, sardonic animal, with features which were as hard as his heart, and fitted their leather jacket so tightly that one would have thought it had shrunk from washing, or that they had bought it second-hand, and were pretty nearly out at the elbows. They were completely emblematic of their possessor, whose religion it was to make the most of every thing, and, among the rest, of the distresses of his particular friends among whom I had the happiness of standing very forward. My business required but little explanation, for I was oppressed by neither rents or title-deeds; and we sat down to consider the readiest means of turning an excellent income for one year into something decent for a few more. My adviser, whose small experienced eye had to dabbled through all the speculations of the age, and, at the same time, had taken a very exact admeasurement of my capabilities of turning them to advantage, seemed to be of opinion that I was fit for nothing on earth. For one undertaking I wanted application; for another I wanted capital. "Now," said he, "as the first of these deficiencies is irremediable, we must do what we can to supply the latter. Take my advice—insure your life for a few thousand: you will have but little premium to pay, for you look as if you would live forever; and from my knowledge of your rattle-pated habits, and the various chances against you, I will give you a handsome sum for the insurance." Necessity obliged me to acquiesce in the proposal, and I assured the old cormorant that there was every likelihood of my requiting his liberality by the unremitting perseverance in all the evil habits which had procured me his countenance. We shook hands in mutual ill-opinion, and he obligingly volunteered to accompany me to an Insurance office where they were supposed to estimate the duration of a man's life to a quarter of an hour and odd seconds.

We arrived a little before the business hour and were shown into a large room, where we found several more speculators waiting ruefully for the oracle to pronounce sentence. In the centre was a large table, round which, at equal distances, were placed little lumps of money, which my friend told me were to reward the labors of the Inquisition, among which the surplus arising from absentees would likewise be divided. From the keenness with which each individual darted upon his share and ogled that of his absent neighbor, I surmised that some of my fellow sufferers would find the day against them. They would be examined by eyes capable of penetrating every crevice of their constitutions, by noses that would scent a rat a mile off, and hunt a guinea breast high. How, indeed, could plague or pestilence, gout or gluttony, expect to lurk in the hole undisturbed, when surrounded by a pack of terriers which seemed hungry enough to devour one another? Whenever the door slammed, and they looked for an addition to their cry, they seemed for all the world as though they were going to bark; and if a straggler really entered and seized upon his mousty, the intelligent look of vexation was precisely like that of a dog who has lost a bone. When ten or a dozen of these gentry had assembled, the labors of the day commenced.

Most of our adventurers for raising supplies upon their natural lives were afflicted with a natural conceit that they were by no means circumscribed in formation for such a project. In vain did the Board endeavor to persuade them that they were half dead already. They fought hard for a few more years, swore that their fathers had been almost immortal, and that their whole families had been as tenacious of life as an eel itself.—Alas! they were first ordered into an adjacent room, which I soon learnt was the condemned cell, and then delicately informed that the establishment could have nothing to say to them. Some indeed, had the good luck to be reprieved a little longer, but even these did not effect a very flattering or advantageous bargain. One old gentleman had a large premium to pay for a totter in his knees; another for an extraordinary circumference in the girth; and a dowager of high respectability, who was afflicted with certain undue proportions of width, was fined most exorbitantly. The only customer that met any thing like satisfaction was a gigantic man of Ireland, with whom death, I thought, was likely to have a puzzling contest.

"How old are you, sir?" inquired an examiner.

"Forty."

"You seem a strong man."

"I am the strongest gentleman in Ireland."

"But subject to the gout?"

"No—the rheumatic,—nothing else, upon my soul."

"What age was your father when he died?"

"Oh, he died young; but then he was kilt in a row."

"Have you any uncles alive?"

"No: they were all kilt in rows too."

"Pray, sir, do you think of returning to Ireland?"

"May be I shall some day or other."

"What security can we have that you are not killed in a row yourself?"

"Oh, niver fear; I'm the sweatest temper in the world, barring when I'm dining out, which isn't often."

"Want, sir, can you drink a little?"

"Three bottles—and aisy."

"Ay, that is bad. You have a red face, and look apoplectic. You will, no doubt, go off suddenly."

"Divil a bit, sir. My red face was born with me; and I'll lay a bet I live longer than any two in the room."

"But three bottles—"

"Never mind that. I don't mean to drink more than a bottle and a half in future. Besides, I intend to get married if I can, and live snug."

A debate arose among the directors respecting the gentleman's eligibility. The words "now," and "three bottles" rang hurry-scurry around the table. Every dog had a snap at them. At last, however, the leader of the pack addressed him in a demurring growl, and agreed that, upon his paying a slight additional premium for his irregularities, he should be admitted as a fit subject.

It was now my turn to exhibit; but, as my friend was handing me forward, my progress was arrested by the entrance of a young lady with an elderly maid-servant. She was dressed in slight mourning, was the most sparkling beauty I had ever seen, and appeared to produce an instantaneous effect, even upon the stony hearted directors themselves. The chairman politely requested her to take a seat at the table, and immediately entered into her business, which seemed little more than to shew herself to be entitled to twenty thousand pounds, for which her *late husband* had insured his life.

"Zounds," thought I—twenty thousand pounds, and a widow!"

"Ah, madam," observed the chairman "your husband made too good a bargain with us. I told him he was an elderly, sickly sort of a man, and not likely to last; but I never thought he would have died so soon after his marriage."

An elderly, sickly sort of a man! She would marry again, of course! I was on fire to be examined before her, and let her hear a favorable report of me. As luck would have it, she had some farther transactions which required certain papers to be sent for, and, in the pause, I stepped boldly forward.

"Gentlemen," said my lawyer, with a smile which whitened the tip of his nose, and very nearly sent it through the external tegaments, "allow me to introduce Mr. ——, a very particular friend of mine, who is desirous of insuring his life. You perceive he is not one of the dying sort."

The directors turned their eyes toward me with evident satisfaction, and I had the vanity to believe that the widow did so too.

"You have a good broad chest," said one, "I dare say your lungs are never affected."

"Good shoulders too," said another, "not likely to be knocked in a row."

"Strong, and not debilitated by dissipation," cried a third, "I think this gentleman will suit us."

I could perceive that, during these compliments and a few others, the widow was very much inclined to titter, which I considered as much as a flirtation commenced; and when I was ordered into another room to be further examined by the surgeon in attendance, I longed to tell her to stop till I came back. The professional gentleman did his utmost to find a fault in me, but was obliged to write a certificate, with which I re-entered, and had the satisfaction of hearing the chairman end that I was warranted sound. The Board congratulated me somewhat jocosely, and the widow laughed out-right. Our affairs were settled exactly at the same moment, and I followed her closely down stairs.

"What mad trick are you at now?" enquired the cormorant.

"I am going to hand the lady in the carriage," I responded; and I kept my word. She bowed to me with much courtesy, laughed again, and desired her servant to drive home.

"Where is that, John?" said I.

"Number —, sir, in —— street," said John, and away they went.

We walked steadily along, the bird of prey reckoning up the advantages of his bargain with me, and I in a mood of equally interesting reflection.

"What are you pondering about, young gentleman?" he at last commenced.

"I am pondering whether or no you have not overreached yourself in this transaction."

"How so?"

"Why I begin to think I shall be obliged to give up my harum-scarum way of life, drink moderately, leave off fox hunting, and sell my spirited horses, which, you know, will make a material difference in the probable date of my demise."

"But where is the necessity of your doing all this?"

"My wife will most likely make it a stipulation."

"Your wife!"

"Yes. That pretty, disconsolate widow we have just parted from. You may laugh; but if you choose to bet the insurance you have bought of me against the purchase money, I will take you that she makes me a sedate married man in less than two months."

"Done!" said the cormorant, his features again straining their buck skins at the idea of having made a double profit of me. "Let us go to my house, and I will draw a deed to that effect, *gratis*."

I did not flinch from the agreement. My case, I knew, was desperate. I should have hanged myself a month before had it not been for the Epsom Races, at which I had particular business; and any little additional reason for disgust at the world, would, I thought, be rather a pleasure than a pain—provided I was disappointed in the lovely widow.

Modesty is a sad bugbear upon fortune. I have known many who have not been oppressed by it remain in the shade, but I have never known one who emerged with it into prosperity. In my own case it was by no means a family disease, nor had I lived in any way by which I was likely to contract it. Accordingly, on the following day, I caught myself very coolly knocking at the widow's door; and so entirely had I been occupied in considering the various blessings which would accrue to both of us from our union, that I was half-way up stairs before I began to think of an excuse for my intrusion. The drawing-room was vacant, and I was left for a moment to wonder whether I was not actually in some temple of the Loves and Graces. There was not a thing to be seen which did not breathe with tenderness. The ceiling displayed a little heaven of sportive cupids, the carpet a wilderness of turtle doves.—The pictures were a series of the loves of Jupiter, the vases presented nothing but heart's-ease and love lies-bleeding; the very canary birds were inspired, and had a nest with six two-young ones; and the cat herself looked kindly over the budding beauties of a tortoise-shell kitten. What a place for a sensitive heart like mine! I could not bear to look upon the mirrors which reflected my broad shoulders on every side, like so many giants, and I would have given the world to have appeared a little pale and interesting, although it might have injured my life a dozen year's purchase.—Nevertheless, I was not daunted, and I looked round, for something to talk about, on the beauty's usual occupations, which I found were all in tune with what I had before remarked. Upon the open piano lay "Auld Robin Gray," which had, no doubt, been sung in allusion to her late husband. On the table was a half finished drawing of Apollo, which was equally without doubt, meant to apply to her future one; and round about were strewed the seductive tomes of Moore, Campbell and Byron. "This witch," thought I, "is the very creature I have been sighing after! I would have married her out of a hedge-way, and worked upon the roads to maintain her, but with twenty thousand pounds—ay, and much more, unless I am mistaken, she would create a fever in the frosty Caucasus! I was in the most melting mood alive, when the door opened, and in walked the fascinating object of my speculations. She was dressed in simple gray, wholly without ornament, and her dark brown hair was braided demurely over a forehead which looked as lofty as her face was lovely. The reception she gave me was polite and graceful, but somewhat distant; and I perceived that she had either forgotten, or was determined not to recognise me. I was not quite prepared for this, and, in spite of my constitutional confidence, felt not a little embarrassed. I had, perhaps, mistaken the breakings forth of a young and buoyant spirit, under ridiculous circumstances, for the encouragements of volatile coquetry; and, for a moment, I was in doubt whether I should not apologise and pretend that she was not the lady for whom my visit was intended. But then she was so beautiful! Angels and ministers! Nothing on earth could have sent me down stairs unless I had been kicked down. "Madam," I began—but my blood was in a tumultuous state, and I have never been able to recollect precisely what I said. Something it was, however, about my late father and her lamented husband, absence, and the East Indies, liver complaints, and Life Insurance with compliments, condolence, pardon, perturbation and paprcter-pia perfect impertinence. The lady looked surprised, broke my speech with two or three well-bred ejaculations, and astonished mewry much by protesting that she had never heard her husband mention my father or his promising little heir apparent, William Henry Thomas, in the whole course of their union. "Oh, Madam," said I, "the omission is extremely natural! I am sure I am not at all offended with your late husband upon that score. He was an elderly, sickly sort of a man. My father always told him he could not last, but he never thought he would have died so soon after marriage. He had not time—he had not time, Madam, to make his friends happy by introducing them to you."

I believe, upon the whole, I must have behaved remarkably well, for the widow could not quite make up her mind whether to credit me or not, which, when we consider the very slender materials I had to work upon, is saying a great deal. At last I contrived to make the conversation glide away to Auld Robin Gray and the drawing of Apollo, which I pronounced to be a *chef de'* œuvre. "Permit me, however, to suggest, that the symmetry of the figure would not be destroyed by a little more of Hercules in the shoulders, which would make his life worth a much longer purchase. A little more amplitude in the chest, too, as they say in the Insurance Office!" The widow looked comically at the recollections which I brought to her mind; her rosy lips began to disclose their treasures in a half smile; and this, in turn, expanded into a laugh like the laugh of Euphrosyne. This was the very thing for me. I was always rather dashed by beauty upon stilts; but put us on fair ground, and I never supposed that I could be otherwise than charming. I ran over all the amusing topics of the day, expanded a thousand admirable jokes, repeated touching passages from a new Poem which she had not read, laughed, sentimentalised, cuddled the kitten, and forgot to go away until I had sojourned full two hours. Euphrosyne quite lost sight of my questionable introduction, and chimed in with a wit as brilliant as her beauty; nor did she put on a single grave look when I volunteered to call the next day and read the remainder of the poem.

It is impossible to conceive how carefully I walked home. My head and heart were full of the widow and the wager, and my life was more precious than the Pigot Diamond. I kept my eyes sedulously upon the pavement to be sure that the cool holes were closed; and I never once crossed the street without looking both ways, to calculate the dangers of being run over.—When I arrived I was presented with a letter from my attorney, giving me the choice of an ensignacy in a regiment which was ordered to the West Indies, or of going on a trading voyage to New Holland. I wrote to him, in answer, that it was perfectly immaterial to me whether I was cut off by the yellow-fever, or devoured by cannibals, but that I had business which would prevent me from availing myself of either alternative for two months, at least.

The next morning found me again at the door of Euphrosyne, who gave me her lily hand and received me with the smile of an old acquaintance. Affairs went on pretty much the same as they did on the preceding day. The poem was long, her singing exquisite; my anecdote of New Holland irresistible, and we again forgot ourselves until it was necessary, in common politeness, to ask me to dinner. Here her sober attire, which for some months had been a piece of mere gratuitous respect, was exchanged for a low evening dress, and my soul, which was brimming before, was in an agony to find room for my increasing transports. Her spirits were sportive as butterflies, and fluttered over the flowers of her imagination with a grace that was quite miraculous. She ridiculed the rapidity of our acquaintance, eulogised my modesty till it was well nigh burned into a cinder, and every now and then sharpened her wit by a delicate allusion to Apollo and the shoulders of Hercules.

The third and the fourth and the fifth day, with twice as many more, were equally productive of excuses for calling, and reasons for remaining, till at last I took it upon me to call and remain without troubling myself about the one or the other. I was received with progressive cordiality; and, at last, with a mixture of timidity which assured me of the anticipation of a catastrophe which was at once, to decide the question with the Insurance Office, and determine the course of my travels. One day I found the Peri sitting rather pensively at work, and as usual, I took my seat opposite to her.

"I have been thinking," said she "that I have been mightily imposed upon."

"By whom?" I inquired.

"By one of whom you have the highest opinion—by yourself!"

"In what do you mistrust me?"

"Come now, will it please you to be candid, and tell me honestly that all that exceedingly intelligible story about your father, and the liver complaint, and Heaven knows what, was a mere fabrication?"

"Will it please you to let me thread that needle, for I see that you are taking aim at the wrong end of it?"

"Nonsense! Will you answer me?"

"I think I could put the finishing touch to that sprig. Do you not see?" I continued, jumping up and leaning over her. "It should be done so—and then so. What stitch do you call that?"

The beauty was not altogether in a mood for joking. I took her hand—it trembled—and so did mine.

"Will you pardon me?" I whispered. "I am a sinner, a counterfeit, a poor swindling, disreputable vagabond, ——— but I love you to my soul."

The work dropped from her knee.

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In about a fortnight from this time I addressed the following note to my friend the lawyer.

DEAR SIR,—It will give you great pleasure to hear that my prospects are mending, and that you have lost your wager. As I intend settling the insurance on my wife, I shall, of course, think you entitled to the job. Should your trifling loss in me oblige you to become an ensign in the West Indies, or a trader to New Holland, you may rely on my interest there.

From the Pennsylvania Gerondy

Lay of The Emprisoned Knight.

From the German of Goethe.

KNIGHT

Ah! well I know the loveliest flower
The fairest of the fair
Of all that deck my lady's bower
Or bind her floating hair
And in these frosty walls I pine
Or I would make the treasure mine
But be it equine, or be it knight
Who brings it here to me
Behold this jewel blazing bright
In the rose

Beneath thy gilded window's seat
Beneath thy castle wall
I know not! no, kindred sweet
The sweetest of them all
And sweet, then, Sir Knight, is I
For whom the minstrel sing
For whom they draw the weary sigh
For whom they make the ring

KNIGHT

In time when vernal zephyrs blow
The sweetest truth was given
The brightest hue that decks the bow
That spans the arch of heaven
Thy tints may bloom on beauty's brow
As radiant as her own
But lovely now it is not thou
For whom I make my moan

THE LILY

Her haughty glance the rose may chal
Over all the subject plain
The lily's humbler charms surpass d
The pomp of Indalia's train
Each heart where virtuous passions rise
And chaste emotions lie
May warm, Sir Knight (like you, to prize
The flower of purity)

KNIGHT

Thus heart is pure, this hand is clear
I boast them free from stain
Yet while one beats in prison bare
The other's might is vain
And lovely flower, the image thou
Of virgin beauty's form—
But, ah! thy drooping petals bow
Before December's storm

THE CARNATION

The wanton of this haughty tower
Has cast it one into day
And well the proud carnation flower
The cares of man repay
In Flora's thousand glories deemed
My varied petals bloom
And well the coxing gaiety attest
Their business or perfume

KNIGHT

Yes, fostered by the care of man
In sunshine or in shade
The peasant roam thee at morn
Of verdure thou dress and fade
A flower which fears not winter's harms
The ills that wait on you
Of lowly and of calmer charms
My wishes still pursue

VIOLET

From the far cabinet of the grove
All humble I implore
If such, Sir Knight, the flower you love
Thy weary search is over
No peasant's hand may e'er invade
Th' enclave of its kill
To shelter of the wall wood's shade
That shuts the distant hill.

KNIGHT

Thy modest beauties well I prize
Retiring from the view
Prize as the light of beauty's eyes
And of thine azure hue
Not on the mountain's shelving side
Not in the cultured ground
Not in the garden's painted pride
The flower I seek is found

Where time on Sorrow's page of gloom,
Has fixed its envious blot
Or swept the record from the tomb
It says Forget me not
And that is still the loveliest flower
The fairest of the fair
Of all that deck my lady's bower
Of bind her floating hair.

THE HUSBAND, WIFE, AND LOVER.

A True Story of the Orient.

BY MISS PARDOE.

An eminent merchant of Stamboul, extremely wealthy, and considerably past the middle age, became the husband of a very young and lovely woman. As Turkish females never see the individual whom they wish to marry previous to the ceremony, but are chosen by some matronly relation of the person who finds it expedient to be thus himself on a wife, and who having seen and approved the lady, arranges all preliminaries with her parents; so it may well be imagined that the bride is frequently far from congratulating herself on her change of position, and such, as it would appear from the result, was the case with the young wife to whom I have just referred, and who was destined to become the heroine of a frightful tragedy.

Two years passed over Fatima Hanoum, and she became the mother of a son; but her heart was not with its father, and unhappily for the weak victim of passion and disappointment, it had found a resting place elsewhere.

The merchant's house was situated near a mosque, from the gallery of whose minaret all the windows of the harem were overlooked. The sun was setting on a glorious summer evening, when the Imaum ascended to this gallery to utter the shrill cry of the muezzin, which summons the faithful to prayer. Ere he commenced the invocation, he chanced to glance downward, and he started, as he beheld a man, cling to a shawl which had been flung from above, and making his way into the harem of the merchant through an open window. Nor was this all, for the quick and jealous eye of the Imaum at once assured him that the delinquent was a Greek—that the wife of a Musulman had stooped to accept the love of a Christian—and he well knew that, in such a case, there was no mercy for the culprit.

The Imaum was a stern man; for one moment only he wavered; and during that moment he raised the ample turban from his brow, and suffered the cool evening breeze to breathe lovingly upon his temples; in the next, he bent over the railings of the gallery, and spoke upon the earth, as he murmured to himself, "The dog of an infidel—may his father's grave be defiled!—May his mother eat dirt!"—and having so testified his contempt and abhorrence of the ill-fated lover, he lifted his gaze to the clear sky, and the ringing cry pealed out—"La Allah, illa Allah! Muhamed Rasoul Allah!"

His duty over, the Imaum descended the dark and narrow stair of the minaret, and left the mosque, and in another instant he had put off his slippers at the entrance of the salamlick, and stood before the sofa, at the upper end of which sat the merchant, smoking his chibouk of jasamine wood, and attended by two slaves.

The Turks are not fond husbands, but they are jealous ones. They are watchful of their women not because they love them, but because they are anxious for their own honor; and no instance can be adduced in which an Osmanli is wilfully blind to the errors of his wife.

Here the offence was not to be forgiven. The young and beautiful Fatima Hanoum had wronged him by loving a Greek! The grey-bearded merchant, trembling between rage and grief, rose from his seat and rushed into the harem. The tale was true—for one moment the aged and unrelenting husband looked upon the young and handsome lover, and in the next the agile Greek had flung up the lattices and sprung from the open window. Ere long the house was filled with the relatives of the wife, and its spacious apartments were loud with anguish and invective; but Fatima Hanoum answered neither to the sobbing of grief nor to the reproach of scorn; she sat doubled up upon her cushions, with her eyes rivetted on the casement by which her lover escaped.

The merchant stung to the heart, embittered in spirit by the knowledge that his rival was a Christian, and not altogether forgetful, it may be of the grace and beauty of the mother of his child, sat moodily apart; and all the reasonings and beseechings of his wife's anxious family only wrung from him the unyielding answer that he would never see her more.

And the heretic lover, where was he?

Like an arrow shot by a strong arm, he had sped to the home of his widowed mother, and had hurriedly imparted to her the fearful jeopardy in which he stood. There was not a moment to be lost; and hastily snatching up some food that had been prepared for his evening meal, he flung himself upon the neck of his weeping parent, and then, disengaging himself from her clinging arms, rushed from the house, no one knew whither.

But the Imaum meanwhile was not idle. He had aroused the neighborhood—he had raised the cry of sacrilege—he had brusted abroad the injury of the Moslem—and are long a Turkish guard was on the track of the young Greek.—But no trace of him could be discovered, and the fair Hanoum was removed to the harem of one of her husband's relatives, where her every look and action were subjected to the most rigorous observance, before the faintest hope had been entertained of securing her miserable lover.

Three wretched days were past, and on the morning of the fourth the pangs of hunger became too mighty for the youth to support. He stole from his concealment, he looked around him, and he was alone! He ventured a few paces forward; rich fruits were pendant from the branches of the tall trees beneath which he moved, and he seized them with avidity; but, as he raised his hand a second time to the laden boughs, he heard near him the deep breathing of one who wept. He glanced toward the spot whence the sound came, and his heart rushed within him. It was his mother! the guardian of his youth, the friend of his manhood, the mourner over his blighted hopes. He rushed toward her, he murmured her name, and for a moment the parent and child forgot all, save each other! It was the watchful love of the mother which first awoke to fear; and in a few seconds the secret of her son was confided to her, and she was comparatively happy. She could steal to his hiding place at midnight; she could insure him against hunger; she could hear his voice, and convince himself that he yet lived; and with this conviction she hurried from his side, and bade him wait patiently yet a few hours, when she would bring him food.

The young Greek stole back to his hiding place, and slept. The sleep of the wretched is heavy—slow to come, and weighing down with wild and bitter dreams; and thus slumbered the criminal. The night was very dark when he awoke and heard footsteps, and then he doubted not that his watchful parent was indeed come to solace the moments of his trembling solitude.—Had he paused an instant, and afforded time for the perfect awakening of all his senses, he would have discovered at once that the sounds of many feet were on the earth; but he had already passed several days without cause of alarm, and his past safety betrayed him into a false feeling of security.

The unhappy youth had not wandered beyond the spacious gardens of his home, which, rising the height behind the house, were divided into terraces along whose whole extent had been placed avenues of oranges and lemon trees, planted in immense vases of red clay. Several of these, in which the plants had failed or perished, had been reversed to protect them from the weather, and one of them, dragged in the first paroxysm of terror to the mouth of an exhausted well, had served to screen the culprit from the gaze of his pursuers. But on this night, when by some extraordinary fatality he forgot for an instant the

The Palace of Versailles.

The correspondent of the Newark Daily Advertiser gives the following description of this magnificent palace:

"I have spent several days at Versailles, which you know is 10 miles west of the city. Nothing I have yet seen in Europe has so absolutely overpowered my imagination. All the descriptions of it come short of the reality. Probably such another monument of royal extravagance and folly does not exist on earth, and it may be safely predicted that all future time will never give rise to any thing comparable to it: at least it is to be hoped not. The palace and grounds have cost successive generations upward of two hundred millions of dollars; and the stranger is fairly bewildered with the gorgeous magnificence of the scene. On entering the principal edifice, 800 feet in length, you wander in seemingly endless succession through hall and chamber, and cabinet and state-rooms, till the eye becomes weary and dazzled with their rich and gaudy decorations. No description can give you any idea of them. The chapel is a superb monument of the magnificence of Louis XIV and the theatre, once extremely splendid, now looks as tawdry as splendor always does in decay.

A brief notice of the *Salon d'Hercules* will give you some idea of these apartments.—The hall is 64 feet by 50; is ornamented with 20 massive marble pilasters, standing on solid brass pedestals, and surmounted with gilded Corinthian capitals, supporting a burnished cornice filled with various trophies. The painted ceiling, fifteen feet in length, represents the apotheosis of Hercules. Here are also two large pictures by Paul Veronese, which were presented to Louis XIV, by the Republic of Venice. The most valuable of the two is 14 by 13 feet, and represents the Saviour at the house of Simon the Pharisee; it contains 43 figures. The floor of this fantastic apartment is a tasselated pavement of black and white marble.

The whole ground floor of the Palace is dedicated to the arts. One apartment, 30 feet wide, and near 400 long, is wholly occupied with statuary, comprising all the kings and distinguished personages of France from the 7th century to the days of Napoleon—monuments of whom meet the eye in every direction. In one room two colossal statues represent him as Emperor, and in the centre he stands in bronze as he stood in the fields of his glory, *en militaire*. You enter the chapel from this floor. Here you are surrounded with emblematic paintings and scriptural imagery. The whole Heavenly Host is richly displayed on the ceiling, the Divine presence being gorgeously shadowed forth in the centre.

Many of the superb paintings, marble ornaments, mirrors, tables which embellished the private rooms of Louis XVI, and his luckless Queen, still remain untouched. The gallery of Le Brun, on the second floor, is chiefly dedicated to the glory of the 14th Louis. The apartment is 217 feet in length and 30 in breadth, with a painted ceiling, illustrating the memorable epochs in that long and prosperous reign, 37 feet above the floor. The whole is lighted by 17 immense windows, the panes of which are 3 feet by 2. There are numerous portraits by the first masters, representing him through every period of life, from infancy to mature age. On certain state occasions this apartment was lighted by 20,000 wax candles, the walls being shocked with mirrors, in frames studded with a paste in imitation of diamonds, the lustre of which, added to that of the rich dresses of the old court, must have given inconceivable splendor to their assemblies.

The two small palaces called the Trianons, at some distance from the principal edifice, within the limits of the gardens, are in a state of lamentable decay. The largest, about half a mile distant, was built for Madame de Maintenon, and was, you know, the favorite retreat of Marie Antoinette. In that day it must have realized the poetic visions of a fairy residence. The peristyle, the pavilions, the balustrades, and the figures of the Loves and Graces, are all executed in the finest marble, with inimitable lightness, delicacy and taste. The building is 80 feet square, and two stories above the basement. It was in this palace that Maria Louisa had her first interview with her father, after the abdication of Napoleon. The beautiful neglige English style of the garden, is in charming contrast with the regularity and artful order of the other grounds.

The gardens of the sumptuous palace are in keeping. The grounds, which are 30 miles in circumference, comprise a park of 5 miles circuit, and various gardens and hunting grounds, laid out with distressing regularity. Innumerable statues, temples, and pavilions greet the eye in every direction, while shrubbery, parterres, artificial lakes, and fountains sending their silver waters in the air through the mouths of huge river gods and sea-horses, in every direction, distressy the enchanting scenery. I counted 96 lakes or sheets of water, each sending forth streams through various *jets d'eau*, filling the air with spray and vapor, reflecting the rich colors of the rainbow. Numerous columns of water rise 150 feet out of the largest of the ponds. Some of the noble trees which overshadow the walks, are said to be near two centuries old.

Some of the numerous avenues are 100 feet wide, and bronze and marble heroes, statesmen, naiads and dryads, greet you along every path. There are upward of a thousand pieces of sculpture about the palace and grounds. There is a fine collection of plants gathered from every clime, in the orangery, an area 600 feet in length, and sunk 30 feet below the terrace in the rear of the palace. The trunks of many of the orange trees are 10 to 12 inches in diameter, and the trees are 20 feet high, the branches being heavy with the golden fruit. The very accomodating gardener pointed out to us the rarest varieties of the plants, and told us the collection comprised 20,000 species.

The premises are under the care of a Chamberlain, who is paid by the government; a fine looking, affable Frenchman, who wears a cocked hat, a star on his breast, and a coat covered with lace. A small fee opens to you every door and apartment of the place, which is regularly inhabited only by a few domestics; some of whom, for a small gratuity, will conduct you through the grounds, and explain their historical associations. Here it was, you remember, that Lafayette gallantly rescued the beautiful Marie Antoinette, when the infuriate mob rushed to the Palace, during the Revolution.

All the attractions of the place are artificial—it possesses no natural beauty. The finest view is from the court yard, in front of the palace, which is the most elevated spot on the premises. Radii of spacious avenues leading from every point of the compass, (and spreading out before you like a fan,) here meet at the gates of the square—each being 200 feet in width, and skirted with double rows of majestic trees. These magnificent roads severally lead to Paris, St. Cloud, St. Denis, Fontainbleau, and St. Germain, and are paved throughout. The gates are all closed against visitors at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

The solitude and silence which reign here is quite oppressive to one who has just issued from the metropolis. I never felt more disposed to moralize; the gloom and inaction of the place, united with the picture of decay and violence presented on all sides, are certainly well suited to awaken and recollections of the uncertain tenure of human prosperity. I pictured to myself the gaiety and merriment which once animated the scenes which are now so languid and solitary—the difference between Marie Antoinette revelling here in all the pomp and parade of royal dignity, and her subsequent condition in the Conciergerie, after her sentence to the scaffold! Ah! how little could *Louis le Grand*, surrounded with his brilliant court, have anticipated the fate of his descendants and his gorgeous palace!"

DEPARTURE OF MISSIONARIES.—The new ship General Harrison, Capt. Ballard, sailed from Boston last Saturday for Calcutta. She carries out several Missionaries, belonging to the Baptist persuasion.

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Newspapers.

We are pleased to witness, a growing improvement in the typographical appearance, and in the tone, and spirit of the editorial writing of the newspapers of the United States. It is a gratifying evidence of the progress of the nation in taste, and manners. A man who wishes to succeed as editor now, must gird up his loins, and fit himself for the duties which the situation imposes. A host of ambitious and talented rivals, starting in the race around him, forbid a slumbering, lethargic, and indolent course. He must labor, or go down with his fortune, and reputation wrecked. It is well that it so. If the safety of a nation's liberty is to be estimated by the intelligence of her people, the progress of a correct taste for literature augurs well for our country, and proves that freedom is safe in the keeping of her sons. The expectations and predictions of tyrants in the old world must prove false, and hollow, while men of principle and ability, control the press of this country. Put if the fastitious which are afforded on every hand, and afforded to all, for the dissemination of useful knowledge, and sound morality, should be prostituted by the designing or the profligate, the very means which providence has ordained for the safety, and preservation of the nation, will be converted into its greatest curse. We had almost said, that the editors of a country are responsible for the tone of its morals. They are the great instructors of the nation, and in their hands in a great degree is its destiny.

Next to a scandalous profligacy in morals and principle in conducting a newspaper, we deprecate the example of your selfish, ignorant, narrow-minded we of a trashy and diluted sheet, who imagines that no person else has a right to live in the world but upon permission, and not as an editor or publisher upon any terms. He thinks that the space, which he is conceited enough to suppose that he occupies in the public eye, must be affected, if any one beside him is permitted to exist; and pulled up with his lofty pretensions, he turns out Sir Oracular, and proses away in a strain of as much importance as if he had received a charter from indulgent Heaven to supply the world with editorials. If a cotemporary makes any remark in the way of his business, he supposes that when the arrow left the string it was aimed at him, and spins out a senseless and unmeaning farrago of nonsense, with as much apparent sincerity as if it was to be imagined any body would read it. It is a melancholy spectacle:—Such men deserve the pity, while they are sure to receive the universal scorn of their cotemporaries. They are of all men avoided and despised.

There is nothing to be gained by this affected importance, to conceal a hollow-hearted selfishness, the veil is so extremely thin, and the littleness of the man so palpable behind it. We believe that the world is wide enough for all honest men to exist in, or Providence would have placed a bounty upon vice and meanness, but the world has furnished many melancholy examples of men who have made themselves miserable to embitter the lives of their neighbors, and have died, in the end, without a shilling or a friend.

There is a pleasure in being associated in a profession with men of honor and high-bred courtesy, who are as incapable of a mean action as they are of wrongfully applying the motives of others, and we are proud to say, that this is predominently true with the body of editors in this city. Their intercourse with each other is characterized by a high regard for each others feelings, and even the asperity of party strife is softened, and occasionally a severe blow is withheld, and the advantage disregarded, that the gentleman may not be sacrificed, and the proper courtesies of friendship may not be invaded. This is as it should be. It gives a dignity to the profession, perpetuates a lofty example, and gives a healthful glow to public sentiment, which can never be cultivated among your brawling editors, half savage, half civilized, who hack and hew the reputation of each other with as little remorse, and with as much pleasure as if the action were meritorious, instead of being disgraceful.

Com. Elliott's Case.

This case still occupies the attention of the Court Martial. The testimony of the witnesses has not yet been finished. The numerous charges are more or less sustained by evidence; but, as in all difficulties, the blame belongs to neither party exclusively. The strongest testimony adduced this week was that of Midshipman Barton, who stated that after being wounded and carried on board the Constitution, he was removed almost instantly by the orders of the Commodore, although he begged earnestly to remain, and the physician considered his removal dangerous. The pain of being hoisted out was excruciating, and the blood "gushed madly from the bandages." The Commodore gave as one of the reasons for this act, the quarrelsome terms on which Barton was with most of the officers.

Sale of Dahlias.

We call attention to the sale of Dahlias by Messrs. Hirst & Dreer, to be held this morning at Doolittle's auction rooms, in Fourth street near the Merchant's Hotel. The assortment, we understand, is very choice. Their advertisement may be found in another column.

MR. SMITH.—We regret to learn that inquiries for Mr. Benjamin Smith, late of the Pennsylvania Bank, have not been successful—he has not been heard of since the day before the Baltimore Convention. We believe a committee of gentlemen visited that city and Washington for the purpose of obtaining information of Mr. S. but were unable to hear of him. It is of consequence that a person absent in such a way should be inquired for closely. The life of a citizen is precious in a republic, and all good reasons unite to induce the closest search for one whose absence is unaccounted for.

The Fine Arts.

The Artists' Fund Society.

The exhibition of the Society, in their new hall on Chestnut above Tenth street, still continues to attract crowds of visitors. The evening, however, appears to be the favorite time for visiting it, although the pictures do not appear so much to advantage, in the glare of the gas, as they do in the mellower light of the day. A late stroll through the rooms enables us to speak more at large of the pictures than we could hitherto. Still, however, our limits will only allow us to notice the choicest of the pieces.

No. 10. *Stag Hunt, in Mosaic, by Moglia.*—This is a beautiful thing, by an Italian artist. It is so well executed as to deceive all who do not examine it closely. It is a fair specimen of that wonderful art, now carried to such high perfection in Rome, by which the *chef de oeuvre* of Raphael, Angelo, Guido, Da Vinci, and the other masters, can be perpetuated in mosaic, long after the originals have rotted from the canvass.

No. 24. *Portrait of a Lady, by R. Peale.*—The loveliest face in the room. Nor has the fair original, we can confidently say, been flattered. There is a sweetness in the expression of that countenance which haunts us even yet, and comes across the memory at times like the bright faces in some long forgotten dream.

No. 25. *Portrait of a Child, by T. Sully.*—If we mistake not, this is an old favorite. Has it not been in Mr. Earle's gallery for years?

No. 36. *Portrait of Rev. Dr. Bethune, by R. Peale.*—This, like all of Mr. Peale's pictures, is finished with elaborate skill. It is a fine painting, though the details are not yet completed.

No. 38. *The Old Story, by W. S. Mount.*—This artist is already celebrated in a line somewhat between that of Ostade and Teniers. The present picture is a choice production. The stove-pipe, however, in the centre, ought not to reach to the top, thus cutting the picture, apparently, in half. The expression of the faces, the attitudes of the figures, and the disposition of the light and shade, are all admirable. The same may be said of another composition of Mr. Mount, called the "*Successful Picture*," and numbered in the catalogue fifty-nine.

No. 49. *Portrait of Judge Baldwin, by J. R. Lambdin.*—An excellent picture. Mr. Lambdin's style is not, however, so perceptible here as in other of his pieces.

No. 67. *W. E. Burton as Ollapod, by H. Inman.*—A good likeness, and a better picture. Mr. Inman has no other piece equal to it in the Hall.

No. 70. *The Ghost Story, by G. H. Coanegys.*—This is a fine composition. Nothing can be more life like. The ghostly hand—the eager attention of the listeners, and the affrighted look of the boy looking around—are not to be surpassed. The coloring of Mr. Coanegys, however, is always bad, as it too often is with young men. But in talent for conceiving a subject, few artists, old or young, can surpass him.

No. 100. *The Country Girl, by T. Sully.*—This fine composition, after a well known belle, as fascinating as she is fair, attracts every eye. It is the most beautiful, as No. twenty-four is the most lovely face in the room. As a picture, it has few equals. The coloring is peculiarly fine. There is a poetry around the whole, which is always a characteristic of Sully, and which has done more for his reputation than any thing else.

No. 105. *Cattle Piece, by Carl Kuntz.*—One of the best pictures, in its way, contained in the exhibition. The cattle cannot well be surpassed. But there is no effect, if we may so speak, in the landscape. Divest the picture of the animals, and it is but little above common place.

No. 111. *The Wissahickon, by W. W. R. Smith.*—One of the best pictures we ever saw from his easel. He is the antipode of Mr. Kuntz. No artist in our city excels him in giving *effect* to his pieces; for he never paints a landscape without selecting the most picturesque view it affords. His management of light and shade are admirable.

No. 189. *Portrait of John S. Du Solle, by G. W. Conarroe.*—A perfect likeness—an excellent picture. The poet is represented holding a pen, and looking out toward you, as if musing at his desk. The lattice at the left, through which streams the light,—the dark mass of shadow in the other corner—and the table-cloth beside which characterizes the minutest detail, make this one of the best portraits in the room. Our right excellent and facetious friend enjoys a rare happiness in having such a limner.

No. 196. *The Painter's Dream, by G. H. Coanegys.*—This piece has more real imagination in it than anything in the room. The Painter is asleep in his studio, with his pallet, brushes, models, and drawings strewn around, while a shadowy host of the "great and glorious dead," led on by Titian, Angelo, and Raphael, and closed by an indistinct crowd, appear passing in array before him. We cannot help returning, and returning again, to this composition as we pass around the room.

For the present, however, we must close. We shall endeavor to find room next week for a farther notice of the exhibition.

Sedgeman's Garden.

This popular evening resort was opened for the season on Monday last. The display of lamps was brilliant, excelling even that of last year. A band of music was also in attendance.

From the London and Paris Ladies' Magazine of Fashion.

Latest Fashions.

Our more recent communications from Paris inform us that the materials in fashion are likely to be of great variety this season; silks, glacies, and shot, mostly of light colors, muslins, pekins, satins, mousseline de laine, &c. &c. with respect to the make, there appears to exist some degree of rivalry between tight sleeves and bouffante ones, but it is probable the latter will triumph; the present tight sleeves differ from those worn two years since—they resemble habit sleeves, having two seams and elbows, and four small buttons on the bottom. The full sleeves are moderate in size, and some are without any trimming on the top, and rather short, with a band which buttons, and from it issues a sleeve of clear or embroidered muslin, also terminating with a narrow band, to which a cuff is sewed, falling on the hand. Spencers continue in fashion: those of velvet, with straight sleeves, without any fullness, almost tight, no wristband. Some very pretty spring dresses appeared at Longchamps, with basis at the bottom of the skirts, and on the sleeves; the bodies open en cœur, with basis laid on, which met those on the sleeves; some were with bouillons, others with flounces laced with another color; embroidery in silks is very fashionable, both for shawls and dresses. Lace is also much used on dresses, both black and white; as a general observation, it may be said, that the folds on dresses may rather cross over each other or not; that points are suitable to married ladies, but for young ladies the points are not so deep, and the body higher, and the fulness on the top of the sleeves is confined very low on the arm. Colored tulles will be fashionable for light evening dresses, with corsage drape, trimmed with bouillons.

Bonnets are made rather straight, short in front, and not quite so low at the ears as those of last year; the shape is round in front, and very small; the crown quite low and very little ornamented. The bonnets at Longchamps were white, with marabouts, glacees, silks, pouil de soie covered with bouillons of crape mixed with violets; pink bonnets with veils, reps covered with crape, which was bouillonne at the edge, but in folds under and on the crown. Capotes of gauze or crape, with a fichu of lace or gauze on them; the favorite flowers were bunches of heath-coal, roses, violets, lilacs, and lilies of the valley.

Ribbons are but little used on bonnets; the favorite ones are apricot, pure, green, violet, grey, pink, and chocolate; but ladies this came the Scotch plaids of ribbon, velvet, plain, or opingo, checked, plain ground, or varied by a showy flower. A satin or watered ribbon of an inch wide, tied in a rosette with long ends, forms a pretty ornament for the throat.

Fringes are likely to remain in favor this summer; they will be worn on the ends of silk scarfs, and round cashmire and Barige shawls, the latter materials again appearing; very large silk scarfs will be worn at the commencement of the season, without being trimmed with fringe; but as soon as they become common, it is expected lace will be again resorted to. A great many square cashmires are worne just now, green or blue, with large pines on a plain ground, fastened in front by a brooch, for which purpose coral is very fashionable.

New Publications.

"A DESCRIPTION OF THE CANALS AND RAILROADS OF THE UNITED STATES, *Comprehending Notices of all the Works of Internal Improvement throughout the several States*," by *H. S. Tanner, Philadelphia, New York J. R. Tanner, and J. Disturnell.*—This work should be in the hands of every American reader. It embodies a vast amount of useful and valuable information, and is free from all dulness. It is not a mere summary of the successive acts of the various Legislatures, and a condensation of reprints of Canal Commissioners and Superintendents of public works, but it is a liberal, bold and comprehensive view, not only of the improvements themselves, but of their efforts upon the manners, habits, and prosperity of the people. All the great improvements of the day, are correctly laid out before the eye, by means of well drawn maps, which are connected with the work, and materially aid the reader in grasping the details of the various branches discussed. It is worth the room on the shelves of a library of fifty trashy novels. The work is for sale in this city at the store of Mr. Tanner, 32 South Sixth street.

MASTER HUMPHREY'S CLOCK, *by Charles Dickens, Esq.*—No. 2. *Lea & Blanchard.*—This number contains Nos. three and four of the London weekly edition. Messrs. Lea and Blanchard intend issuing the work on every other Wednesday, thus furnishing two of the English numbers in one. They will be illustrated with wood cuts.

No one, with any critical acumen whatever, can fail to perceive the vast inferiority of this number to any thing which Boz has yet produced. If it were not unfair to judge of a work by such a small portion as some forty pages of it, we should unhesitatingly pronounce Master Humphrey's Clock to be a complete failure.

INSANITY OF "BOZ."—There is no foundation for the report pretending to come from a London source, of April 2d, that Mr. Dickens, the distinguished author, had become insane. Letters have been received from him to April 12th, and instead of writing from a *mad house*, where it is alleged he was confined, he dates from his residence, "Devonshire Terrace, Regent's Park."

THE BOOK OF JASHER.—We have not yet received the Book of Jasher. Why do'st it come?

The Anniversaries.

AMERICAN EDUCATION SOCIETY.—The twenty-fourth anniversary of this society was held in N. York a day or two ago. The report stated that the number of individuals aided by the Society since its last anniversary is as follows:—267 persons in 18 theological seminaries; 487 in 25 colleges; and 160 in 57 academies—total 914. Of these, 540 were assisted in institutions in the N. England States, and 369 in the Middle, Southern and Western States. The number of new beneficiaries received during the year is 127. The Society has aided since its commencement 3260 persons, a large proportion of whom have entered the ministry. The receipts for the year amount to $51,307,60, and the expenditures $48,636,67, exceeding the receipts $7,329,07. The earnings of the beneficiaries, as reported, is $31,972; the whole amount the last 13 years is $369,203. The sum refunded by beneficiaries the last year is $4,784,84, which, added to what had been refunded in previous years, makes the total amount $39,103.

AMERICAN TEMPERANCE UNION. The anniversary of the American Temperance Union was held on Tuesday evening week, in the Murray street Presbyterian Church. Mr. Delavan in the chair. An abstract of the report was read by the Rev. J. Marsh, Corresponding Secretary; and the meeting was addressed in a very able and interesting manner by the Rev. Dr. Humphrey, of Amherst College, Hon. Theodore Frelinghuysen, Dr. Patton, Rev. Mr. Kirk and Mr. Stewart, from Ireland. The meeting was continued to a late hour; but such was the attraction given to the subject by these eloquent gentlemen that scarce an individual was seen to leave the house. The wonderful progress of the cause in Ireland gave to the meeting unusual interest. More than a million in that country have now received the pledge. Sixty thousand persons received it in Dublin in the week ending April 4. Mr. Kirk moved a Temperance Convention for the whole world. He was sure Ireland would be represented there; and he thought also some Mosquas of Hochcang from China.

THE AMERICAN HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—The report to the anniversary meeting of this Society, held on Wednesday last, in New York, represents that, during the last year, 689 Missionaries had been in commission, and had extended their labors over 22 different States and Territories, and in Lower Canada. During the past year 4720 persons were added to the churches, and 60,000 scholars attended the Sabbath schools. Receipts of the year, 78,245 dollars 20 cts.

THE AMERICAN TRACT SOCIETY.—The fifteenth anniversary was held, in New York on Wednesday last. The report states that, during the last year, 3,408,900 publications have been printed, and 4,219,721 circulated. Since the formation of the society 1,128,610,703 pages have been printed, and 1,841,671,676 pages circulated. Receipts for the year 117,646 dollars 16 cents.

Philadelphia Anniversaries.

ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH *of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.*

The convention met on Tuesday evening in St. Andrew's Church; and were occupied until the adjournment in their organization.

Wednesday. This morning the convention met to hear religious exercises; after which they proceeded to admit new delegates, and various alterations were made in the standing rules of the body. The Right Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese then pronounced the annual address upon the state of the church in Pennsylvania.

The convention after transacting business of minor importance adjourned until the afternoon.

Afternoon. Reports from committees were read; when the Committee on Unfinished Business reported the items left undisposed of by the last Annual Convention.

The Reverend Doctor Boyd offered a resolution for the appointment of a committee of ten, to take into consideration the catechism of the church, and its adaptation to the Sunday School, and also the more effectual instruction of children in the doctrines, worship, and discipline of the church.

The resolution was agreed to, and the chair requested to appoint, whereupon the Bishop named a committee composed of five of the clergy and five of the laity.

The standing committees were then elected, and the Parochial report read. These reports presented generally a cheering prospect of the state of the church. The convention then adjourned.

Thursday.—Little business of importance was transacted this morning. The convention, however, resolved to meet next year at Harrisburg.

Afternoon.—On motion of the Rev. Dr. Boyd, a committee of five was raised to inquire into the expediency of publishing a weekly or monthly journal under the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese, to report to the next convention. Adjourned.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—The new school body convened on Thursday morning in the First Presbyterian Church. The Rev. B. Dashiessa, D. D. the Moderator of last year preached the sermon.

The Rev. Mr. Wisner was chosen Moderator, and Henry A. Rowland temporary Clerk.

The old school body convened in the Seventh Presbyterian Church, at the head of Raneland Court, on Thursday morning. The Assembly opened with a sermon by the Rev. Joshua L. Wilson, D. D. of Cincinnati, Ohio, the Moderator of the last year.

The Rev. Wm. M. Engles was elected Moderator, and Rev. Sylvester Scovel temporary Clerk.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PHILADELPHIA CITY MISSION.—The Society assembled on Tuesday evening at the Rev. Dr. Bethune's Church. The meeting was cheering to every friend of religion or morality of whatever sect. The utmost unanimity characterised the proceedings. The Revs. Messrs. Coleman and Maxwell, of the Episcopal Church, the Rev. Mr. Bigler, of the Moravian Church, and the Rev. Dr. Bethune, of the Dutch Reformed Church, were the principal speakers. A collection was taken up.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE DIOCESAN SUNDAY SCHOOL SOCIETY OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH *of the State of Pennsylvania.*

On Tuesday evening, this Society met in St. Andrew's Church, immediately after the adjournment of the Annual Convention. After the transaction of the usual preliminary business, the meeting adjourned until the next evening; but in consequence of the inclemency of the weather, little was done.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PENNSYLVANIA BIBLE SOCIETY.—This meeting took place on Thursday evening, in the First Presbyterian Church. The exercises were unusually interesting. Addresses were delivered by the Rev. Messrs. Forker, Williams, Kirk, Talbot, and Dale, and resolutions were adopted to supply every family in Pennsylvania with a Bible, and every child with a Testament.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BISHOP WHITE PRAYER BOOK SOCIETY.—A very interesting meeting of this society took place on Thursday evening at St. Andrew's Church. Addresses were made by the Right Rev. Bishop Kemper, Rev. Mr. Odenheimer and others.

Financial Record.

NEW ORLEANS BANKS.—The following condensed statement of the Banks in New Orleans, on the 4th of May, 1840, we copy from the U. S. Gazette, viz:

New Orleans Canal and Banking Company,
Carrollton Railroad and Banking Company,
Citizens' Bank of Louisiana,
Commercial Bank of New Orleans,
Consolidated Association,
Exchange and Banking Company,
Gas Light and Banking Company,
Improvement and Banking Company,
Bank of Louisiana,
Louisiana State Bank,
Mechanics' and Traders' Bank,
Atakafalya Bank,

Capital paid up,	$41,761,509
Discounts and Loans,	48,730,457
Domestic bills and bank notes of other States held by the banks	2,077,509
Bal. due from banks in other States,	892,535
do. to Banks in other States,	1,798,464
do. from foreign bankers,	681,926
do. to foreign bankers,	61,343
do. to local banks,	717,438
do. from local banks,	735,562
Deposits,	7,294,440
Circulation, exclusive of 1,363,671 held by 14 city banks,	4,743,122
Specie in the vaults,	3,375,238
Capital gain and profits undivided,	5,639,666
Liabilities other than those expressed,	8,494,904
Assets other than those expressed,	4,092,792
Real Estate and other investments,	6,425,386

CANAL COMMISSIONERS.—The Board of Canal Commissioners have made a report to the Senate, under the requisitions of a resolution of that body passed 17th April first, showing the amount actually paid to contractors on the North Branch and Erie Extension of the Pennsylvania Canals, the Wiscoisco Feeder, and the road to avoid the Inclined Plane at Columbia, out of the appropriations made by the acts of the 8th of February, and the 19th of July, 1839. The amount due on each of said lines the 1st of April, 1840, and the amount of retained per centage. The following is the Recapitulation:—Amount paid contractors, $1,311,562 16; Do. due 1st April, $470,746 97; Do. retained per centage, $256,839 18—Total, $2,048,148 23.

Strong Language.

We have often spoken of the freedom of the more influential portions of the English press, which amounts almost to sufficiency, in one sense of that word. The paragraphs subjoined from the London Times, on the difficulties between Great Britain and China, are couched in the strongest vein. We leave those who have studied the subject thoroughly, to decide whether they are just or unjust.

"This affair of China is terrible enough. It is the case of a lawless and accursed traffic, to be bolstered up by a flagitious and murderous war. Nor is there a shadow of an argument, or even a pretext, in defence of the Government which has involved us in these calamities. Ignorance, arrogance, and ruinous want of principle have swayed all their proceedings since the hour when they deposed the East India Company from its sinecures, and took upon themselves the administration of those distant and powers which they had compelled it to abandon."

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"We have sent a costly naval armament against the Chinese empire, and an army of 10,000 men is to join it from the Bay of Bengal. The first expense to the British Treasury of this expedition will exceed three millions of money. The loss already sustained by our merchants in their contraband cargoes has not fallen short of this. The annual sacrifice of revenue, from the utter extinction of our commerce with the Chinese empire, may well be counted at two millions more, omitting to mention the annual wear and tear of ships, troops, and seamen, should hostilities continue for more than one campaign; and all this for what?—for the sake, 1st, of accomplishing a crime against the first element of the law of nations; for the sake, 2d, of forcing an entrance among a reluctant people upon their own soil; 3d, for the sake of carrying into operation, by violence, an illegal traffic in an unwholesome drug, in defiance of the independent crown of China; 4th, for the sake of robbing the Chinese treasury of the value of smuggled merchandise lawfully confiscated by orders of its Government."

WORTH OF NOTICE.—We learn from the Mount Pleasant Register, that Miss Mary Campell, of Fayette County, New Haven, has been cured of Asthma, with which she has been afflicted for more than eighteen years, by the use of Dr. Jayne's *Expectorant*. The disease was deep seated, and aggravated, but this cure was effected by the use of eleven bottles. The Register adds, we make this public for the information and benefit of others. We give it to our readers with the same motive, and we may be allowed to add, that this medicine, is not a common quack medicine of the day, but is the regular receipt of an educated and well known physician. Dr. Jayne, deserves well of posterity for his labors in ameliorating the sufferings of his fellow men. He has saved many, whose carelessness, and indiscretion have brought them near the grave, and his Expectorant is now not only used, but openly recommended by all the best and most intelligent physicians, as a cure for cough or consumption, we know of nothing more invaluable, and it has been found to be of great service to many afflicted with oppression of the breast, and disease of the liver. Its use is, however, its best recommendation.

Foreign News.

ARRIVAL OF THE BRITISH QUEEN!

13 Days and 11 Hours Passage.

We have the pleasure to announce the arrival of the packet steam ship British Queen, Captain Roberts, from London, via Portsmouth. Capt. R. reports his passage to have been performed in 13 days and 11 hours from the time he discharged his pilot until he took one of the Hook.

England.

The House of Commons re-assembled, after the Easter adjournment, on the 23th of April. The House of Lords stood adjourned to the 30th.

In answer to a question from Mr. Hume, Lord John Russell said that on the next day he would state the actual position of the negotiations concerning the Maine boundary question.

The other proceedings of the session were on local matters.

The Queen and Prince Albert were amusing themselves with concerts, festivals, levees, and public dinners.

Benjamin West's picture of the Annunciation, painted for the church of St. Marylebone, was sold on the 29th of April, by order of the vestry, at auction for ten guineas! It was painted in 1817, and the artist was paid for it £800.

On the 24th of March the great Hebrew printing office at Wilna was destroyed by fire—loss estimated at 200,000 silver rubles.

Our readers are aware that the Chinese difficulties have arisen in part from the killing of a native by some English sailors, in a row, and the refusal of Capt. Elliot to surrender the culprits for trial by the Chinese authorities. He thought it best to take the matter into his own hands, and therefore, after a trial of some sort, sentenced five of the sailors to a certain period of imprisonment in England. They arrived, about the end of April, and were almost immediately set at liberty, the law officers of the Crown being of opinion that Captain Elliott had no authority to sentence them as he had done.

SLAVE TRADE.—A very pretty schooner, the Vixen, is now lying in the Salthouse-dock Liverpool. She measures 43 tons, and when captured, 320 slaves were found on board.

The Two Sicilies.

The following extracts contain all the intelligence we can find respecting the quarrel with England about the sulphur.

The Censeur de Lyons of the 16th publishes the following private letter from Rome of the 14th:—

"An English steam vessel has returned to Naples from Malta, in order to receive from Mr. Temple the King's definite reply to the letter of Great Britain. Ferdinand being aware of this betook himself with all speed to Castellamare, so that the English envoy found no person to whom he could address himself when he arrived at the Palace, and the vessel had consequently to leave, without bringing the Admiral who commands the British force at Naples the answer which he expected in order to act upon it.

"The coasts are in a state of defence, and preparations are being made for a serious contest.

"The first hostile act of the part on England will probably be the capture of Neapolitan vessels; and just at this moment the two most powerful ships of the royal navy are at sea."

The Neapolitan navy is composed of 12 vessels of war, among which are the Vesuvio, 82 guns; the frigate Parthenope, 60; Isabella, 48; and the Uranio, 46.

Turkey and Egypt.

If the letters in the London papers may be credited, the British are quietly slipping into a quarrel with the Pacha, which may hasten the issue of the Turco-Egyptian question. For example, the following from the London Morning Herald

ALEXANDRIA, April 6.—The Russians continue their warlike measures—the troops are ready to cross the Turkish frontier. M. De Boutenieff has assured the Divan of the active support of Russia, and of her willingness to send an army to act in concert with the Turkish forces against Ibrahim Pacha.

The English, on the other hand, confine their operations to intrigue. They are inclined to prevent, by their naval forces, the departure of the Ottoman fleet from Alexandria, while Turkish ships, with men and warlike stores, should unmolestedly effect a descent in Syria. This is the plan which Lord Ponsonby is said to have communicated to the Divan, and, to ensure its success, he is endeavoring, by the medium of the officers belonging to the Gorgon steamer, and of the sloop lying in our roads, to make the officers and crews of the Turkish fleet hostile to the Pacha.

These intrigues have been supported by Colonel Hodges, the British consul, who, intervening on the part of the Turkish subjects, demanded a conference with the Pacha, and begged the latter to allow those sailors desirous of returning home to proceed to Constantinople. The Pacha made the following reply:—"It is your policy which has occasioned the present state of affairs—you have obliged me to make preparations of defence, and to fear a blockade and landing of troops. I am on the footing of war—military law is in vigor—and, therefore, should any officer or sailor attempt to go away, I will have him publicly shot as a deserter."

Russia.

A letter from Odessa brings intelligence of another victory gained by the Circassians over their oppressors. They have taken a Russian fort with a battery of twenty guns. The Russians, on the other hand, are on the eve of invading Circassia with another army, and it is supposed that 40,000 men now at Sebastopol are destined for that purpose.

The last news from the expedition to Khiva confirmed the previous accounts of its failure; but these accounts being from St. Petersburg, where nothing unfavorable to Russia is permitted to be published, the failure is softened down into a concentration of troops near the Emba, in the entrenchments erected by the Russians at the commencement of this disastrous campaign. The troops are said to have encountered tremendous hurricanes and intense cold, 25 degrees and more below freezing point. They had not met with the Tartar enemy. The English government, it is said has intimated to the Russian ambassador that if the expedition be renewed or persevered in, the government of India will send an army upon the Oxus, and will occupy the most important points in that quarter by its troops.

Thirty-three priests of the Romish united Greek church have been exiled from Russia for having signed an act signifying their adhesion to the church of Rome.

China.

The ship Diana, from Canton, has arrived at London. She brought home five British seamen in irons, who were charged with creating the first row at a Chinese village in Hong Kong bay, and killed a Chinaman. They were all liberated a short time after their arrival. They tell the following story:

On the 4th of July last, the anniversary of American independence, several American seamen went ashore to a small village, where they got drunk and quarrelled with the Chinese. After committing many acts of disorder, they left the place and in doing so fell in with some British seamen, to whom, however, they behaved in a very friendly manner, with the exception of one man, known as Baltimore Tom, who boasted of his pugilistic powers, and challenged to fight any seaman on board a British ship, accompanying his challenge with some insulting remarks. The British seamen did not offer to molest Baltimore Tom on that occasion, but a week afterward, learning that he had gone ashore, several English and Scotch sailors went after him with a determination, for the honor of their common country, to fight him if he would accept of one of them as an adversary. When they got upon the beach, at a village

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Agent.—Mr. C. W. James our agent at Cincinnati, is authorized to appoint sub agents. Our Western subscribers who do not remit by mail can pay their subscriptions into his hand. His office is on Harrison street, first brick house east of Broadway.

P. C. Miller, Esq. is our agent for the Saturday Evening Post, and the Philadelphia Casket, at Auburn, New York, and we cordially recommend him to subscribers as well as to persons wishing to subscribe to either of the Magazine at that place.

New York Subscribers.—Mr. Wm. M. Christy is now on a collecting tour through the State of New York, and will pay our subscribers a visit. We hope that they will be prepared to receive him.

Notice.—Delaware and Maryland.—Mr. Richard Smith is now on a collecting tour for us through the State of Delaware and Maryland, and the District of Columbia. Our subscribers will please be prepared with the money, and the ready change to welcome him.

New Orleans.—Messrs. John F. Cuerd & Co. Publishers, 13 Exchange Place, are the only authorized Agents for the Saturday Evening Post, and the Philadelphia Casket, in New Orleans. They will also receive subscriptions for Texas and forward the papers by the packets. All Northern Periodicals and Newspapers are for sale at their office.

City News.

Gang of Juvenile Thieves.—The southwestern portion of the District of Moyamensing has been for a time past infested by a gang of juvenile thieves, all of whom belong to the most respectable families. The police had their eyes upon them for several days, but no arrests were made until Monday morning, when Alderman McLean and Constable Langham succeeded in ferreting out two of the chief of the gang named Arthur O'Niel and James Smith, both of whom were fully committed upon a charge of stealing a copper boiler, valued at $30, from Mr. J. M. Beale, distiller, in Shippen street above Second. Several other arrests were also made, and the prisoners sent to the House of Refuge. It appears that the gang had been in the habit of pilfering all they could lay their hands upon, and that they had been encouraged and abetted by a most notorious receiver of stolen goods, named James Turner, mentioned in another paragraph, who generally purchased their plunder.

Robbery—*Stolen Goods Recovered.*—On Friday Mr. P. Gideon, who resides in Higgins's court, Sixth ward, had his house entered and robbed of a quantity of wearing apparel and a miniature belonging to his wife, valued at $15. Mr. Gideon's name was placed upon some articles of the wearing apparel, yesterday while passing a second-hand clothing store in Shippen street, between Sixth and Seventh, a Mrs. Murphy, he discovered a pair of pantaloons which were among them, hanging out at the door. He identified them as his, and immediately lodged information at the office of Alderman Hodiker, who issued a warrant for Mrs. Murphy's arrest.

Mrs. Murphy is the wife of Archibald Murphy, for a police officer in Moyamensing. She has frequently been arrested for receiving stolen property, and is above she keeps has for years borne a notorious character.

The Mysterious Bundle in Trouble.—The bundle of a bridal in Pine street below 11th, named Elizabeth Hewitt, known in the city for years as one of the most notorious of women, was found over on Sunday morning in the Recorder for keeping a disorderly house. The bail demanded was $500. She was required to enter a like security for enticing away an intelligent and pretty little girl named Harriet Forrest, who boarded with her to prostitute her with an elderly beau that was in the habit of visiting the house. The girl, who had unfortunately been the victim of seduction, and driven to a prostitution, was sent by her House at her own request to the Magdalene Asylum.

Lightning Rail Road Accident.—An interesting son of Mr. Moore, No. 317 North Front street, was killed and almost instantly killed in Front street on Sunday evening between 5 and 6 o'clock, by the Frankford railroad cars. The wheels passed directly over his breast. No blame, we believe, could be attached to any one who were in charge of the cars for the accident. The boy fell off from one of the cars which he had impudently climbed, while the train was under way. The Coroner held an inquest upon the body, a few minutes after the accident, and the jury in accordance with the above facts.

Railway Robbery.—*A Woman Disguised in the Attempt.*—A highway robbery of no usual occurrence was perpetrated on Monday night in the neighborhood of Third and Small streets. A white girl, named Mary Smith, was taken upon by three black women, who had been waylaid, and stripped of every article of clothing she had upon her person. On Tuesday one of the wretches, named Mary Smith was arrested and committed by Alderman Hodiker. Some of the clothing was recovered. The wench arrested is an old offender and nothing will be left undone to have her committed to the extent of the law.

Receiver of Stolen Goods Arrested.—A man named James Turner, who has for the last two or three years kept a second-hand store in Shippen Lane, between Sixth Street and Franklin Place, was arrested on Tuesday morning and committed by Alderman McLean for receiving stolen goods. Numberless articles were found in his store. It is thought that he has several accomplices, and the police are actively engaged in endeavoring to discover them. The evidence before the Alderman also showed that he had held thieves of every grade, both old and young, in pilfering.

A Counterfeiter.—We wish our readers to understand that the Dr Joseph P. Elkington, arrested on Monday for his association with certain counterfeiters &c. is not the Dr John A. Elkington, of the Monument Cemetery, and late port physician. To those acquainted individually with that latter gentleman, such a remark were unnecessary, but we are anxious to disclose the minds of the multitude of any suspicion of the kind which a similarity of name may have originated.

Escaped from the House of Refuge.—On Saturday afternoon, last time boys, all between the ages of 14 and 15 years, inmates of the House of Refuge, effected their escape. They are still at large. The escape was made through the roof of one of the back buildings by knocking off the slating, reaching from thence the wall and from thence the ground outside, either by jumping or lowering themselves down in some way.

Wise, the Tragedian.—Mr. Wise, the intrepid tragedian, describing his fallout an column of Monday, says—That after a beautiful ride in full view of many villages and of the Atlantic Ocean, he landed on the farm of L. J. Vanderpool, of Bensalem township, Bucks county, not far from Bristol. When near Bristol, some fellow fired a gun at him. He returned the compliment with a small bag—which was probably, on the trial at the shot."

Illegal Voting.—A man, named Lewis Cochran, was held to bail on Monday by Alderman Binns, in $1000, for illegal voting in the Second ward, Southwark, at the election for Alderman on the 30th of March last. He was a resident at the time of the last ward Moyamensing, and had voted for the Alderman of that ward. Constable McGinnis, of the Second ward, Southwark became his bail.

Melancholy Suicide.—The Coroner was called on Monday afternoon to a house in Front street, near Maclen, to hold an inquest upon the body of a Mr. Walton, who had poisoned himself by taking three pennyworth of arsenic. Some domestic difficulty was assigned as the cause.

The Case of James Wood.—In the Court of Oyer and Terminer, on Wednesday morning, the case of James Wood was called up. The Attorney General, C. Wallace Brooks, Esq., stated to the Court, that he had visited the prisoner in his cell in Moyamensing, and had found him perfectly calm and composed, and that too even when subjects the most calculated to excite him were touched upon, for instance, the mentioning the name of Peake, for whom he expressed no other feelings than those of the most sovereign contempt, saying, that he did not consider him worthy of his revenge.

The Attorney General further stated, as the result of his investigation, that he believed the prisoner to be sane, and was entirely willing to leave the matter of his release from prison to the Court; who agreed to take the three sureties in $6,000 each, which had been proffered. The prisoner as soon as released will be taken out of the State. His sureties are all men of property and the most respectable standing.

Mr. McMichael's Lecture.—The Germantown Telegraph speaking of Morton McMichael's lecture on Saturday in that place, says it was one of the most splendid intellectual efforts ever listened to, and that a community, whose literary tastes could not relish such an entertainment, must, indeed, be buried in Egyptian darkness, and for whom there can be no rescue but through a miracle.

Accident.—Wednesday afternoon, a horse, one of a pair attached to a charcoal wagon, fell into a hole in Stamper's Alley, near the corner of 3rd street, and was with difficulty extricated. The hole was full of mud, and so deep, scarcely anything but the animal's head appeared above ground. The owner came near losing him, and whoever occasioned the hole should pay the damage.

Going a Maying.—Four car loads of youngsters, with smiling faces, passed our office on Tuesday on a Maying frolic. The innocent little souls looked so happy we could not help envying their ignorance of evil, and their delightful disposition to look upon the sunny side of life's picture, heedless of the raw canvas that disfigures its back. Happy, happy childhood!

Riotous Assembly.—About 2 o'clock, Wednesday morning, the watch of Moyamensing arrested at a notorious den, corner of Small street and Spofford, alias Shoulaine Alley, a gang of rogues, named Elizabeth Hilson, James O'Niel, Catharine Hagerty, Mary Price, Mary Owens, Susan Cole, and Owen M'Guiffey. They were all taken before Alderman Hodiker, and sent to prison.

A Pickpocket.—At the races on Tuesday, a pickpocket plunged his hand into the pocket of a Mr. Thomas Weaver, but was caught in the act and seized. A confederate attempted, by jumping on Mr. W's arm, to break his hold, but missed it. The *chevalier d' industrie* was given in charge of the police—whose hands becoming *greasy* shortly after, he was permitted to escape.

Assaulting.—A woman, named Elizabeth Hamilton, having with her a little son, aged about eight years, was found on Tuesday night by watchman Blandford, in an unfurnished house, out near the Schuylkill, in a starving condition. Both herself and the boy were likewise completely benumbed with cold. They were sent to the Almshouse.

A Counterfeiter.—A man named J. Allison, was committed on Saturday last in default of $1000 bail, by Mayor Conrad, for passing a counterfeit $10 note of the bank of the United States at the grocery store of John McGuire, corner of 4th and Callowhill streets.—He had attempted to pass notes of the same description at several other stores in the Northern Liberties.

The Iron Steamer.—The iron steamboat New Jersey, formerly the "R. N. Stockton," arrived yesterday from Bordentown. She will be used in future for towing coal barges from the Schuylkill to the Delaware side.

Coroner's Inquest.—On Tuesday morning, the Coroner held an inquest at a house in Willow street, near Front, on the body of a woman about thirty five years of age, named Jane Rae, who came to her death by chloroform.

Furious Riding.—A reckless fellow, while dashing up Chestnut street on Monday evening, at the rate of at least ten miles an hour, was arrested when opposite the Theatre, taken before Alderman Binns and fined seven dollars.

Fast Driving.—On Tuesday morning an omnibus driver named John McGuirk, belonging to one of the Fairmount lines, was brought before the Mayor and fined for fast driving.

Girard Bank.—On Monday, Charles S. Boker was elected President of this Bank, in place of Mr. Schott, resigned.

Mr. May.—Mr. May, the missing man, has published a history of his late absence in the U. S. Gaz. Its length joined to great ambiguity to it, prevent us from transferring it to our columns. Suffice it to say, he was robbed, traced the robber and found his money. As much a do was made, as to his whereabouts, when in New York, we should think it due to the inhabitants of a portion of that city, who took so great an interest in discovering him, that he should have been more particular as to his whereabouts when there.

Bread.—Why is it, with flour at four dollars and twenty five cents a barrel, for the best, that Baker's loaves continue at the minimum?

In 1797, an act, which is now in full force, directing that all loaf bread should be sold by the pound avoirdupois, and inflicts a fine of *ten dollars* for every violation, by selling in any other way; one half to the informer and the other half to the state. In Europe, where *informing* is a business, what *pickings* the informers would get, did the bakers there act like ours.

Diabolical.—A villain, under the influence of liquor, on Tuesday attempted a rape upon the person of a little girl about ten years of age. The attempt was made in the grave yard attached to Myers' Church, in Race street. Her cries attracted the attention of a passer by, who, entering the yard rescued her from the hands of the scoundrel.

Counterfeits.—The Ledger of Tuesday contains an account of the discovery of the place of business of a gang of counterfeiters in Lower Merion Township, and the arrest of several members of the gang. These were a Dr. Joseph Elkinton, of Spring Garden, and a David Marshall. It was by this gang that the late emission of United States Bank notes was made.

Naval Court Martial.—Lieut. Charles H. McBlair has been honorably acquitted by the Naval General Court Martial sitting in this city, of the charges preferred against him by Com. H. K. Ballard, and the President has approved the proceedings.

Mr. Geddis.—It appears by the statement of the Cashier of the Northumberland, Bank, that that institution is a sufferer to the amount of $7,653 by the voluntary absence of Mr. Geddis, which amount he abstracted from a parcel that had been entrusted to him.

General News.

News from South America.—The news from Central America represent it to be in a state of anarchy and confusion. The factions are so nearly balanced in power that scarcely a week passes without a local revolution, and at each temporary triumph there is a dreadful murder and pillage. Mr. Stephens, mentioning in this state of things to accomplish anything, will be compelled to return home. At the last dates he was at Guatemala.

A Fight at Trenton.—A fight occurred at Trenton on Tuesday night, between the agents and passengers of the steamboat Hornet, of that port, and the Philadelphia and Trenton Railroad Line. It had its origin in the refusal by the agents of the line to take the passengers aboard the cars for New York, who had come by the Hornet.

Substitutes.—By a bill now before the English House of Commons, a woman seduced may, with no other witness, be enabled to make the offending gentleman in the sum of £30, to be levied by distress, or send him to prison for six months without further trial. The same power is also proposed in case of breach of promise of marriage.

Marriage and Suicide.—A man just married, named Bartlond, shot himself in Frederick, Md., last Wednesday. A familiar view of the horrors of matrimony drove him to it, and to the commission of the dreadful deed!

Salt Urn.—A chest containing a whole family, was upset in the Merrimack river, near Dougherty's Landing, on the 7th inst. Mr. Lacy, wife and child were drowned. One girl and one young man held on to a rope and were saved.

Brandon Money.—Brandon money is quoted as worth 5 cents on the dollar in the Vicksburg papers.

Judge Lynch Appointed.—We have often heard of Judge Lynch's summary mode of trial and punishment, and it has been deprecated by almost every press of any decency in the country. What are our readers to think then, when we inform them that Governor Seward, of New York, has actually appointed *James Lynch*, to officiate in a judicial capacity in the Court of General Sessions. We will have lynch law in New York now with a vengeance.

Storm in Fayetteville.—They had a terrible hail storm in Fayetteville, N. C. on the 9th inst. Some of the hail was as large as a man's fist. It destroyed the growing crops, and gardens, and broke twenty thousand panes of glass. Pigeons and poultry were killed, and the ground was strewed with branches of trees and disintered vegetation.

Is it True?—It is said that the Great Western, on her last passage out, ran down some vessel at sea, in the night. The vessel's bowsprit was left on board the steamer, but of her hull and the human beings on board of her, nothing was seen probably but a few bubbles that were lost in the glistening foam top that in a moment after washed in the wake of the destroyer. Poor human life!

Dreadful Occurrence.—On Sunday last, a five little boy was run over by a car on the New York and Harlem Railroad, and the child was also kingly mangled. The sufferer was picked up, and the driver and conductor, instead of exhibiting sorrow for the unfortunate act, behaved in the most outrageous and unfeeling manner. We hope they will be severely punished.

Courtesy Enough.—Our government, to show a proper degree of courtesy, has ordered the Arabian vessel, the Sultanas, to be hauled over to the Navy Yard at Brooklyn, and put in thorough repair at our expense. The four guns now in her are to be taken out, and fourteen handsome carronades placed on board.

A Severe Hurricane.—The town of Gallipolis, in Ohio, experienced a severe hurricane on the 23 inst. A church was thrown down, the gable ends of several dwellings torn out, some stables and other houses levelled to the ground, and much other damage effected. It lasted about half an hour.

Lake Michigan Storm.—A gale on Lake Michigan on the 3d, created much havoc. The Steamboat Champlain was driven high and dry and broken. Several schooners and sloops were deprived of their deck loads, and many seriously injured. Steamer Gov. Mason went ashore.

Cure for the Tooth-ache.—We find in one of our exchange papers the following cure for the tooth-ache—"Take alum and common salt, pulverise them, and mix them up in equal quantities, then wet a small piece of cotton, causing the mixed powders to adhere, and place it in the hollow tooth."

Hurt by a Horse.—A horse ran away on Saturday last in New York, when attached to a cart, and dashing down Centre street, ran over a sweep, after which he turned down Reade street, and went over a little girl, fracturing her jaw, and injuring her chest very seriously.

A Horrid Accident.—The lady of Chief Justice Taney stepped into a druggist's in Baltimore, to purchase a beautiful flower, and passing behind the counter to approach it, fell through a trap door, fracturing one of her legs and injuring her back. She was taken home on a litter in a precarious state.

Quarrel and Murder.—Two men, named Bowen and Buckmaster, quarrelled about politics in Calvert county, Md. lately, when the former shot the latter with a pistol. He has been tried, and sent to the Penitentiary for four years.

How to a Garden.—The Boston Times says that a man named Hosse, has opened a garden in New York, and hopes he will not run loose among the flowers.—We wonder if the horticulturist would not RATHER up were he to read such a notice.

Fire at Port Clinton.—The grist and saw mills belonging to John Syckel, Esq., situated at the gap of the Blue Mountain, above Port Clinton, Pennsylvania, were on Friday last destroyed by fire. A large amount of grain and lumber was destroyed.

An Epistolary Fight.—Dr Brandreth and L. F. Tonsetig, are fighting by means of letters, through the New York papers, like savages. The Dr says Tonsetig is a humbug, and T. thinks the Dr considerably worse.

Villains Detected.—The villains who destroyed the Brock monument have been detected. They were British officers anxious to have a fight down between the two countries by throwing the blame on the Americans.

Another Rascal Returned.—The Manhattan Bank runaway, Collin C. Newcombe, has returned. He surrendered himself to the officers of the law in New York, on Tuesday, and was held to bail in ten thousand dollars.

No more Bread.—The bakers in Mobile refuse to bake bread because the restrictions of the law prevent their making any profits. The "law and the prophets" don't jibe in that case.

Fire in Guilderland.—A tavern and store in Guilderland, New York, with two sheds and two large barns, were destroyed by fire on Thursday last. Loss $12,000, insurance of $3000.

Killed for his Money.—A German was horribly mutilated at his own house, in Marlborough, Mass., on the 15th April, by some one who wanted to rob him of his money.

Railroad Accident.—On the Camphaine and Cobskill Railroad, two men were run over on the 6th inst. One be a cart loaded with dirt, and one by a car. Their arms and legs were broken.

Held to Bail.—The late New York District Attorney, William M. Price, was held to bail on Wednesday in the sum of $82,000. He was in custody a few hours, and then he was told he "might go."

A New Device.—The fellows who make a living by stealing iron rails and disposing of them, now wash the mail iron with a solution of sulphuric acid copper, and get so much more for them as copper rails.

Gaiety House.—About one hundred passengers principally Irish and English, left yesterday morning in the packet ship Monongahela, for Liverpool.

Found Drowned.—The body of a woman was found in the North river at New York, on Tuesday. The name of the deceased was Henrietta Conklin.

A Sad Rebbie.—A negro woman knocked down a white woman with a door key, in New York, on Tuesday, and robbed her of $12. She was arrested.

News from Texas and Mexico.—These are late arrivals at New Orleans from both, but no news of importance.

Sentenced to Death.—Lorenzo Dow was sentenced to be hung in Baltimore on Monday. He was convicted of murder on the high seas.

A Suspected Murder.—The body of a Mr. Frederick Mogg was found in the Dock at Baltimore on Sunday. It is suspected the deceased was murdered.

Fires in Charleston.—There were three on Friday last. A machine shop, two stables, and a cotton shed. Loss about $5,000.

Smuggling Sausages.—A large lot of sausages was seized at Detroit on the 12th, that was attempted to be smuggled.

Fire at a Factory.—On the 14th inst a large factory at Cottstown, N. H., called the Island Mill, was burned to the ground. $2,400 was insured on it.

Convicted of Murder.—J. B. Millen was convicted in New Orleans on the 8th, of the murder of Hugh Green.

Clothes-chute Fire.—A little girl was burned to death in New York last week, by her clothes catching fire in the school room, from a stove.

From South America.—The blockade of Pernambuco was to be removed, so say the latest advices, on the 12th April.

Running Away.—The President and two Directors of the Brandon Bank have eloped for Texas, carrying with them three hundred negroes. Let them go.

U. S. Soldiers.—The steamboats Buffalo and Cleveland arrived at Detroit on the 6th, with seven hundred U. S. troops, bound for Fort Winnebago.

Richmond Bank.—Dabney is making some "awful disclosures." Particulars are not yet given.

Watermelons.—This delicious fruit is in use in Savannah already.

N. P. Willis.—The gentleman is announced as one of the editors of the Brother Jonathan.

Hot Corn.—Hot corn was for sale in the streets of New Orleans on the 9th inst.

Fire in Baltimore.—A stable was set on fire on Monday. A negro was arrested as the incendiary.

A Fall.—A painter, in an attempt to climb a pitch, in Baltimore, on Monday, fell, and broke his thigh.

Wheat in Maryland.—The fly is destroying the wheat crop entirely in Maryland.

A Queer Law.—The new law in Louisiana relative to imprisonment for debt is rather a hard one—A fellow there had better confess judgment instanter, for he can be taken and imprisoned until judgment be obtained, when he gets his release.

A Vessel Lost.—A schooner with 900,000 in specie on board, sank near New Orleans on the 9th, and sunk instanter. Crew and passengers barely escaped. Cargo lost. She was from Vera Cruz.

Shot his Sister.—A little boy in Richmond lately, only 5 years of age, picked up a gun his brother had laid down, and fired it off, shooting his sister in the neck. It did not kill her. She will recover.

The Rivers South.—The New Orleans and Vicksburg papers are full of evil forebodings from the rise of the waters in their vicinity. Great inundations and much damage are apprehended.

It is not True.—A correspondent of the New York Herald denies the truth of the report that the Chinese difficulty arose from a quarrel sailors with some American sailors. He was there at the time.

To Arms! Natchez.—We are glad to note the alacrity of the people of New Orleans, in calling meetings and collecting contributions for the sufferers of Natchez. They have noble souls at the south.

A Large Tow.—10 rafts of lumber were towed to Baltimore on Monday by one steamboat from Fort Deposit.

A Woman Drowned.—The body of a fashionably dressed woman was found in the dock at Staten Island on Tuesday morning last.

Not Sawyer Silk.—The United States Circuit Court decided on Tuesday last that silk twist is not sewing silk.

Steamboat Collision.—On the 13th, the steamboats Corinthian and Corsican ran into each other, on the Ohio. Damage trifling.

Brock's Monument.—They are making arrangements to rebuild this monument. The citizens of Montreal seem to be in earnest about it.

Tobacco Chewers.—The St. Louis Gazette goes into a calculation to show the amount of tobacco a man chews in a life time. The editor says—"Suppose a tobacco chewer is addicted to the habit of chewing tobacco fifty years of his life—each day of that time he chews two inches of solid plug, which amounts to six thousand three hundred and seventy-five feet, making nearly one mile and a quarter in length of solid tobacco, a half inch thick and two inches broad." He wants to know what a young beginner would think, if he had the whole amount stretched out before him, and he were told that to chew it up would be one of the exercises of his life, and also that it would tax his income to the amount of one thousand and ninety five dollars. We guess he would think it a pretty considerable job.

The Winnebagos.—We understand, says the St. Louis Argus of the 6th, that Gen. Atkinson has held a council with the Winnebago Indians residing on the Mississippi river, and that he is of opinion these Indians (three-fifths of the nation) will emigrate peaceably—the other two-fifths, residing on the Wisconsin, evince a disinclination to emigrate, and may probably give a great deal of trouble. The General will use every means to remove them peacably, but is in the mean time, continuing to collect all the regular disposable force at Fort Crawford, to be transferred to Fort Winnebago, if coercion becomes necessary. To this must also be added a considerable volunteer force to effect the removal.

The Swan.—The Mount Pleasant (Pa.) Register of the 6th inst. says: We do not recollect a season when vegetation generally was so forward, the first week in May, as at present. The forest leaves are fully developed, and the wild flowers are out in all their fragrance and beauty. The Chestnut Ridge, in this immediate vicinity, affords one of the most inviting fields for botanical research that we have ever seen. The grain, on the farms around us, is remarkably forward, and gives promise of an abundant harvest—the cattle are nearly up to their knees in clover—and the meadows exhibit a coverign of blade and flower, to be exceeded in richness and beauty, only by the wide prairies of the far West.

Munificent.—A Buffalo paper states that it is due to Colonel Alfred Carey, of Elba, Genessee county, to let the public know that he is the generous donor of $10,000 toward establishing a Seminary for the education of School Masters; and not his brother, T. Carey, of Batavia. It is also due to the inhabitants of Alabama and West Elba, to announce to the public that they have subscribed $10,000 more for the same noble object. This is, in connection with the efforts of the New York State Society, for the improvement of education in common school.

Mr. Laughlin.—John V. L. McMahon, Esq. of Baltimore, has given notice that the whole sum of money contributed for the family of Mr. Laughlin, the man who was killed in the Whig Convention, is $2,430 12½, of which the Massachusetts delegation gave $1000, and the Virginia $500. No returns have been made of the collections in Baltimore.

A Bishop.—At a meeting of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Georgia, held at Clarkesville, on the 4th inst. the Rev. Stephen Elliott, Professor of Sacred Literature and the Evidences of Christianity in the College at Columbia, S. C. was unanimously elected Bishop of the Diocese.

Colored Population.—The Colored Population in Upper Canada amounts to 12,510. A meeting has been held, at which it was resolved to petition the Queen for a grant of land, in order to be colonized thereon together, instead of being scattered as they are at present throughout the province.

Mail Robbery.—The mail made up at Petersburg, (Va.) for Augusta, (Geo.) was robbed on the 8th inst. by a yellow man, one of the hands employed upon the road, who secreted the bag, and afterward cut in open. All he got was $25. He was afterward arrested, and lodged in the Petersburg jail.

A Bridge Injured.—About a third of the bridge over the Connecticut river, at Sumner's Ferry, was carried away last week. The river was high and the floating timber from above bore against the structure with tremendous force.—Loss about $3000.

Death from the Fall of a Tree.—Elihu McGinness, a son of John McGinness, of Greene county, (Pa.) was suddenly killed on the 21st ult. by the fall of a burning tree. The father, son, and another person were close together near the tree. The others escaped.

Fire.—The Logansport Indiana Herald states that the agency of the American Fur Company has collected the past season the finest lot of Furs ever seen, from the hide of the surly bruin to that of the egg sucking weasel, and which is valued at upward of $100,000.

Saratoga.—A new spring has been discovered at Saratoga—the waters are said to resemble the Washington Spring at Ballston. The water flows at the rate of 3 or 4 gallons per minute, and present a very lively and sparkling appearance.

Temerity.—Robert Pierce, a painter by trade, undertook, on Monday, to show his skill at climbing, by ascending a plank against the ball of old Christ's Church, Baltimore. When at the top, the plank slid from its position and threw him to the ground, and his thigh was fractured.

The Flour and Wheat received at West Troy, (N. Y.) from the 7th to the 14th of May, on lowlite, was, of flour, 19,421 barrels; wheat, 27,577 bushels.

Business at New Orleans.—Business was quite active at New Orleans on the 3d inst. Produce was in demand, and prices were improving.

Caught Him.—A man has been arrested and committed to the jail of Frederick county, Md supposed to be the one who committed the murder

The Sixth Census.—The taking of the sixth census of the inhabitants of the United States will commence on the 1st of June next.

Fast.—During one day of a recent trip, the British Queen made 360 miles.

Dreadful Tornado!

Natchez almost destroyed.—On the 7th inst a tornado swept over the city of Natchez about 2 o'clock in the afternoon, carrying with it distress and destruction beyond parallel. People and houses were carried up into the air, and precipitated. Fragments of buildings, and boats and trees flew in every direction. Nearly two hundred lives were sacrificed; and at the last advices they were digging the dead bodies out from amid the ruins. Timothy Flint, the historian, and his son, and some others, were dug out alive from under a hotel. The loss is estimated at $1,000,000.

At the moment of the concussion, large masses of seeming white spray were precipitated to the earth, followed by such a roaring of the wind, as if old Eolus himself was there, guiding and directing the storm. Houses were dismantled of their roofs, and then almost immediately levelled with the earth. The air was filled with bricks and large pieces of timber—and even heavy ox carts were uplifted and thrown hundreds of yards from their original positions. About 60 flat boats lying in port were driven from shore and sunk. The ferry boats plying between Natchez and the opposite shore, capsized and sunk, and every one on board is supposed to have perished. The steamboat Hinds was capsized and sunk.—The steamboat Prairie had her cabin entirely taken off, and crew nearly all lost. The two Hotels in the city, one partly, and the other entirely blown to the ground, and almost every house more or less injured.

It is impossible to tell how many of the citizens were killed, as the streets were filled with large pieces of timber, rendering them impassable, and the work of extracting the bodies from the fallen houses was not completed, when the Vicksburg left.

The Natchez Calamity.—The New Orleans papers are full of accounts of this dreadful visitation. "Natchez under the Hill," as it is termed, suffered most. It presents, the "Courier" says, a scene of desolation and ruin that sickens the heart and beggars all description. A Mrs. Alexander was dragged from out the room of the Steamboat Hotel, with two children in her arms—she alive, they dead. A Mrs. Holiday was strangely saved. Her accouchement had only taken place a few hours before—the house she was lying in was blown down; and yet she and her infant were preserved unhurt.

The Boundary Question Settled.—We learn that the British Queen brought despatches to our government, that will probably bring about an amicable settlement of this long vexed question. The substance of them is understood to be that the award of the King of the Netherlands, which made the river St. John's the boundary between the two countries shall be the basis of the new arrangement, and that as an indemnity to Maine for any supposed rights she may possess to land north of the St. John's, the British Government shall pay her £200,000, or about half a million of dollars." We are not prepared to say that we should like such an adjustment of the matter, however anxious we may be to prevent a recourse to hard measures, and however we should deprecate a war. This is not the first time that England has proposed to purchase a portion of the territory in dispute; and to sell it to her now, would be to abandon our high position in the contest, and to submit to that, which a few years ago, our government treated with imperative scorn. The land is our own—we want it—we have no desire to give it away or to sell it. Great Britain admits by offering to purchase, our title to the ground; but she is so unreasonable in her pretensions that she will sacrifice every thing but her pride to obtain it. She should be made to sacrifice that.

Sunday Music.—We disagree with a correspondent who signs himself A. Z., in relation to Sunday music. He thinks that it is no desecration of the Sabbath, to play light, cheerful, or gay airs upon the piano on that day; we reason differently. He says, alluding to a song he heard played on a late occasion, "it gratified me to find the dull monotony of our Sunday streets enlivened by something that did not smell of Pharaoh and bombay." If this be but musical, it is at least in doubtful taste. Music is a most sublime mechanical humbug in the attempt to preserve that kind of reverence for the day, which is so suited to serious contemplation. He adds, "how repaired to see even one step made towards the destruction of that miserable system of false piety which would turn a day of rational and cheerful recreation, into a night of gloomy and superstitious fanaticism." We copy this paragraph merely to assure the writer that he evinces much more affection for sound than sentiment, in his argument—he is anxious to hang a good picture, but neglects truth for the sake of creating an effect. We are not perhaps as rigid as we should be, ourselves, in the observance of the Sabbath; still, we look upon its quiet limitments as one of the greatest and most sublime features in the social organization of our country. We deem the Sabbath useful both as a moral and physical sense, independent of its being a Christian institution, and hence would not see the day of one absolute characteristic of solemnity, tranquility, or rest. A religious manifestation of the day, an abstinence from all levity, and unnecessary toil, cannot be called an exhibition of false piety, nor a display of gloomy and superstitious fanaticism.

Anti-Diluvian Naval Architecture.—A book has recently been published in London, by Lieut. Radford, R. N. seriously recommending the form and dimensions of Noah's ark, as the best model for ocean steamboats. The author reasons out his case in perfect good faith, apparently convinced himself, if he shall fail to convince others, The ark is described to have been "three hundred cubits in length, fifty in breadth, and thirty in height;" and by some commentators is reckoned to have measured about 81,000 tons. Our modern leviathan thinks a steam-ship, of about 20,000 tons, and built of iron, would answer for all reasonable purposes of travel.

Philadelphia, Wilmington, and Baltimore Railroad Company.—We understand that this Company has recently effected a large loan in Europe, sufficient to enable them to pay all demands upon them; and that their prospects are now in a prosperous condition.

Political Intelligence.

Appointment by the President.—*By and with the advice and consent of the Senate*

J. P. B. Wilmot, to be a Chaplain in the Navy from the 7th of March, 1839.

Rodman Lewis, to be a Chaplain in the Navy from the 13th of March, 1839.

Thomas B. Nailor, to be a Purser in the Navy from the 17th October, 1839.

Thomas P. McBlair, to be a Purser in the Navy from the 11th November, 1839.

Thomas Eastin, to be Navy Agent for the port of Pensacola, West Florida, for four years from the 10th of May, 1840, when his present commission will expire.

Joseph W. Curtis, to be a Second Lieutenant in the Marine Corps from the 4th of May, 1840.

Referring it to the People.—Messrs. Gather and Byrd, between whom there was a tie at the recent election in Frederick county, Virginia, have agreed to refer the contest to the people at the fall election.

Commissioner of Deeds.—George Seward, of New York, has appointed our friend William C. Clark, of the Philadelphia Gazette, Commissioner to take the acknowledgement of Deeds, etc., for the State of Pennsylvania.

Connecticut Senator.—They cannot elect an United States Senator in Connecticut. The Senate of that State balloted six times on Thursday last without effect. It was then postponed till Tuesday.

Postmaster General.—John M. Niles, of Connecticut, has been appointed Postmaster General by the President and Senate.

Minister to Russia.—Churchill C. Cambreleng of New York, has been appointed Minister Plenipotentiary to Russia by the President and Senate.

New York Legislature.—It ceased its labors on Friday last.

SALES OF STOCKS.

By the Philadelphia Board of Brokers for the week ending Thursday.

Reported by a Member of the Board, for the Saturday Evening Post.

			price sold for	per
1500	shares	United States Bank,	77a78	100
302	do	Girard Bank	30a30½	50
34	do	Commercial Bank	23a.5	50
6	do	North America Bank,	380	60a
120	do	Manufacturers Bank	25a.5½	15
6	do	Far & Mec. Bank,	50	50
8	do	Philadelphia Bank,	97	100
344	do	Com. & RR. Bank, Vicks.	81a71	100
372	do	Phil. Wil & Balt RR.	44a44½	50
10	do	Norristown RR	64	50
5	do	Schuylkill Navigation Co.	9	50
1	do	Penn. Fire Ins. Co.	300	400

Our Mail Receipts.

We are daily in the receipt of letters enclosing money with the request to return a receipt by mail. We do not send receipts in that way. Every dollar received by mail, at this office is acknowledged as below. Subscribers will please notice this.

Subscribers living in the vicinity of a Post Master can call upon him and have their letters containing money *opened*, if the letter contains nothing but what relates to the business of the office. Many hundred dollars might be saved us, if attention was generally paid to this matter.

Receipts for the Saturday Evening Post from the 7th to the 20th May.

May 7, received from

Jos H. Hart, $0.00; W. S. Holabird, Esq. 2.00; P. H. Burdick, Esq. 2.00; A. Booth, Esq. 2.00; E. Yale, Esq. 1.00; E. Chickering, Esq. 6.00; H. Dwelle, Esq. 10.00; J. F. Eaton, Esq. 2.00; J. Hemer, Esq. 2.00; J. E. Starr, 5.00; E. C. Pettigrew, 9.00; F. Mickenlaw, 2.00; J. Fogg, 2.00; J. W. Wilkins, 2.00; N. Rambo, 1.25; J. Williams, 2.00.

May 8.

J. Brandon, 2.00; W. A. Newton, 17.50; J. Tomlinson, 2.00; J. Shivers, 2.00; E. P. Hanaum, 2.00; J. Hyland, 2.00; W. H. W. Welch Esq. 9.00; Francis, Esq. 2.00; A. N. Bowen Esq. 2.00.

May 9.

N. McClure, Esq. 4.00; R. C. Brown, Esq. 2.00; A. Kitchen, Esq. 2.00; Chas. Barnett, Esq. 2.00; Jas. Crosby, Esq. 2.00; J. Wrenn, Esq. 2.00; Wm. S. Lippincott, Esq. 2.00; P. Dunnen, 2.00; W. M. Spear, 2.00; A. Johnson, 1.00; W. Pickering, 2.00; J. H. Bennett, 2.00; J. Smith, 2.00; E. McMillin, 1.50; A. Hazlett, 2.00.

May 11.

J. Merritt Esq. 2.00; E. C. Grigg Esq. 2.00; E. Mack, Esq. 2.00; G. Barber, Esq. 2.00; L. Seymour, Esq. 2.00; N. B. Clarke, Esq. 2.00; A. Wadsill, Esq. 2.00; E. Babcock Esq. 2.00; Chas. L. Jay, Esq. 2.00; A. Dawes Esq. 2.00; A. R. Finley, 2.00; J. T. Day, Esq. 5.00; H. A. Wallace, Esq. 2.00; F. W. Dewey, 2.00; C. P. Peck, Esq. 2.00; Jno. Moore, Esq. 3.00; G. L. Deane, Esq. 2.00; W. F. White, Esq. 2.00; W. W. Cushing, Esq. 2.00; J. T. Langley, 2.00; T. P. Adams, 2.00; J. Winder, 2.00; S. W.

THE OLIO.

Variety's the spice of life,
That gives it all its flavor.

Hurrah for Laughing Love.

Hurrah! hurrah! for laughing love,
"A fig for those who sigh—
Hurrah! hurrah! for the bounding heart,
And the bright and sparkling eye!
There's care enough to darken still
Life's path where'er we roam;
Though melancholy brood not o'er
The festive board at home.
Hurrah! hurrah!

The stately form, the haughty brow,
And the cold majestic frown,
May woo the slaves who worship them—
The pomp they cannot chase,
But the smile that parts the rosy lips,
And the look of artless glee,
That speaks the warm and cheerful heart,
O, that's the love for me!

Hurrah! hurrah! for laughing love,
"A fig" for those who sigh;
Hurrah! hurrah! for the bounding heart,
And the bright and sparkling eye.

THE PROSE ACTUAL.—An author who was miserably out of luck, applied to a bookseller in Saint Paul's Churchyard, for employment, who told him, that, upon producing a specimen of his abilities, he would do something toward supporting him, as he was in a painful situation. "Aye," says the author, but I would not be supported in this pickle.—I want to be taken out of it—and if you will give me a subject to write on, I will convince you I am worthy your esteem. "Well, what subject shall I give you?" says the bookseller. "Any subject," says the author, "*but that of money or my wife—for I am not master of either.*"

EASTER DAY.—There was a superstition once very prevalent in England, that on Easter-day the sun danced at sunrise, an idea used as a comparison by Sir John Suckling, in one of his verses, eulogizing a belle of the day:

Her feet beneath her petticoat
Like little mice peeped in and out.
As if they feared the light:
And, oh! she dances such a way—
No sun upon an Easter day
Were half so fine a sight.

POETRY.—"See how this pot runs!—look'e, Dick—A jade to serve us such a trick; Hang it, I'll blow her up sky high." "Why, Tom, the pot don't run—you lie." "I say it does—why, look'e here, The table's puddled all with beer."—Said Dick, "Confound your hasty tongue, I'll make you own you're in the wrong; For can't you see, you stumbling not, The beer runs out and not the pot?"

REPORT.—A learned clergyman in Maine, was accosted in the following manner, by an illiterate preacher, who despised education: "Sir, you have been to college, I suppose." "Yes, sir," was the reply. "I am thankful," responded the former, "that the *Lord has opened my mouth to preach without any learning.*" *A sinister court,* replied the latter, "took place in Balaam's time, but such things are of rare occurrence at the present day."

THE SHARWD REPLY.—The retort courteous was fully experienced by the celebrated counsellor, Jack Lee, on the northern circuit; for, being engaged in examining one Mary Pritchard, of Barnsley, he began with, "Well, Mary, if I may credit what I hear, I may venture to address you by the name of Birck Moll." "Faith, may you, master lawyer," said she, "for I am always called so by the blackguards."

AN IRISH COMPLIMENT.—A lovely girl was bending her head over a rose tree which a lady was purchasing from an Irish basket woman in Covent Garden market, when the woman, looking kindly at the young beauty, said, "I ax yer pardon, young lady but, if it's pleasing to ye, I'd thank ye to keep away your cheek from the rose; ye'll put the lady out o' countie with the color of her flower."

LITTLE ELSE.—An attorney named Else, rather diminutive in his stature, and not particularly respectable in his character, once met Mr. Jekyll. "Sir," said he, "I hear you have called me a pettifogging scoundrel; have you done so, sir?" "Sir," said Jekyll, with a look of contempt, "I never said you were a pettifogger or a scoundrel, but I said you were *little else*?"

THE TRUTH TOLD BY MISTAKE.—I shall not easily forget the sarcasm of Swift's simile as he told us of the Prince of Orange's harangue to the mob of Portsmouth: "We are come," said he, "for your good, *for all your goods.*" "A universal principle," added Swift, "of all governments, but like most other truths, only told by mistake.

EPIGRAM.—Sergeant C. was of a very rubicund countenance, and sometimes rather prolix in his arguments. On one occasion, when, in the full-dress costume of his court, he was delivering a very long speech, a wit by his side wrote this epigram:

"The sergeant peeds with face on fire,
And till the court may rise it
His purple garment come from Tyre.
His arguments go to it."

AN Englishman and a Welchman disputing in whose country was the best living—said the Welchman "there is no such noble housekeeping in Wales, that I know known about a dozen cooks employed at one wedding-dinner." "Ay," answered the Englishman, "that was because every man toasted his own cheese."

A POLITE HINT.—"Thomas," said a friend of the family to a footman who had been lingering about the room to show him the door. "Thomas, my good fellow, it's getting late, is n't it? How soon will the dinner come up?" "The very moment you are gone, sir," was the unequivocal reply.

SWEARING.—Profit or pleasure there is none in swearing, nor any thing in men's natural tempers to excite them to it. For though some men pour out oaths as freely as if they came naturally from them, yet surely no man is born of a swearing constitution.—Tillotson.

HOPE.—We send our glances and our sighs up to heaven, which, after all, is nothing but the blue tinge of the atmosphere which surrounds our planet, which we alternately inhale and exhale. But the blue heaven dwells properly in the eyes that look up to it.

A DENTIST'S SIGN.—A wag, from the North Parade, Pennsace, has the following lines from the French:—

A dentist here makes teeth of bone.
For those whom fate has left without
And finds pleasure for his own.
By pulling other people's out.

STRANGE GRAMMAR.—"Well, miss," said a knight of the larcher rod, "can you decline a line?" "Yes, sir," said the girl, dropping a perplexed courtesy, "I can—but I hate to, most plagually."

FEAR.—A widow said one day to her daughter, "when you are of my age, you will be dreaming of a husband." "You, mamma," replied the *thoughtless* little hussy, "*for the second time.*"

WITTY.—A witty gentleman of the city observing a citizen who had lost an arm, passing, said he pronounced he might be called "*an off hand man.*"

MAXIM.—"Why," said one lawyer to another, "why does Z——— drink so much water while he is speaking?" "He is," replied the person addressed, "mixing the brandy he drank last night."

HOME.—"Your home has a tremendous long bill," said a friend to Theodore Hook. "Yes, said he, "it is a bill too long."

BAD PUNCTUATION.—Trying to put a stop to a woman's tongue when her "dander is fairly up."

COURTSHIP AND KISSING.

Wal, after that sue and Susan went over to naber Simonson's with Rachael, and staid a little while, and then I went home with Susan. The Deacon, as usual, managed to get asleep, between the kitchen corner and the mug of cider by the time we got home, and was making pretty considerable noise all to himself. Old Mammy Rampson begin to talk about Rachael the minit we get in the house. And from that she got talkin' about all the young gals; and she kept on till she told all over how things used to be when she was a gal; and she told all over what she remembered about, when the Deacon first come to court her, and how she felt. It kinter made Susan blush and hang down her head, but I didn't mind it at all, I wanted to hear all about it. And then she told over how she and the Deacon used to go to meetin' on Sundays, and how the parson preached, and how they come home agin. From that she followed it up, about how the Deacon pop'd the question, and what a wonderful thing it was to say "Yeth" when he asked her, and how she did say it at last. And then she told all over how she was married and how she felt just afore she was again' to be married, and how she felt when her poor old father put her hand into the Deacon's, and how she shook and trembled, and how the parson went through with the ceremony; and what a time they had after they was married, among the nabers, and how she felt, and how she and the Deacon first commenced keepin' house, with six old chairs, and one old table, and—

The Deacon woke up just in time to hear the last about the old chairs. "They warnt old chairs," says he, "they was bran new," and then she said "she believed they was," and she and the Deacon wound up the yarn between them, and the mug of cider, by telin' ever, and comparing them with these times, and how much better and nicer things was then than they are now, and how they was all naberly together for five miles round, but there warnt more than five families in the whole five miles, and how there warnt no frolickin' and carryin, on, and stayin' out all night, and how they all used to go to bed at nine o'clock, as regular as the time come round. And as nine o'clock had come, the Deacon and Mammy Rampson followed the old rule and went to bed.

Susan and I was sittin' a good respectable distance apart, but I was for hitchin' up right off, and I tayther guess I did, and set in a streak of talk, and kep all the time tryin' to bring in the speech I'd made, but it wouldn't cause a nowhere, and I give it up and come on somethin' else.—We got talkin' about naber Simonson's darter, Rachael.

"She's a r'al scrumptious gal," says I, "pretty considerable handsome."

"Ugh! I should think she was," says she.

"Pretty good digins there for some chap," says I.

She didn't my nothin'. I see what the matter was, she was afraid I'd leave her and go arter Rachael. I went to work right off to run down Rachael and that kinter brought her around agin; and I was for mixin' in for a kiss.

"Go away now!" says she, as sulky as could be.

"Ah Susan, give me a kiss, and have done with it," says I.

"I won't! so there now, tetch me if you dare," says she. I see where the shoe pinched. It was all come by callin' Rachael "a scrumptious gal," without praisin' up her any. So I went to work in real earnest to pursuade her that I hadn't tho't about runnin' arter Rachael, and I tho't she was a great deal handsomer than Rachael any day in the year. Susan couldn't help chimin' in with me, and I tayther guess Miss Rachael suffered a few, if she only knew it. We found fault with every thing if it warnt just so and a leetle over, and I was for comin' in on the sham breeches, but we broke off on that score afore we got to it. I got hold of Susan's hand without opposition, and she looked so sweet and smilin' that I forgot all about Rachael, and was a good mind to pop the question, but I tho't mebby it would be best to put it off until next meetin' day. I mixed in for a kiss.

"Oh! now I declare," says she.

"So do I," says I, and I mixed in for another.

"Smack," and her hair all come down with a shower of combs.

"I declare it is too bad," says she, "I never see any body so beat on it in all my life." She tried to look mad at first, but it broke out in a smile at last.

She put her hands up to fix the combs, and I fetched in three more, right arter one another.

"Oh! now Mr. Sprag, din't" says she, "if you do it again I won't like it."

"I will," says I, and I made up for another.—I catched it, and I guess the fun was bottom side up, and the laughin' out of the wrong side of the mouth; for I tell you what, I whistled for a minute or two for somethin' besides a kiss. Served me right thinks'e I, but I'll be darned if I don't have a receipt for it. So I hauled off for a spell, and me and Susan got on talkin' again, about Katy Stokes' quiltin' party, and who'd be there, and whether we'd go or not, and says I, "Miss Susan, when are you goin' to have your quiltin' party?"

"I dont know," says she, "but I shall ever want any quilts."

"Why Miss Susan," says I, "how you talk."

"I'm afraid so," says she, "cause mother says the young men are very fickle minded now a days to what they used to be when there warnt so many gals to run arter."

And she puckered up her mouth, and kept playin' with her fingers all the time just as if she was afraid she shouldn't want any, sture enough.

"Why you're gettin' 'rong sided; a little oldmaidish I guess," says I.

"Ugh!" says she, and then she said "ugh," agin.

I got round behind her chair, and I made up for a receipt in full. I got my mouth in the right pucker, and at it I went. Oh! how nice I had her, and I guess I brought her right to it.—I'd got so tarnally hankerin' arter a good round kiss, that I didn't know when to stop. She hung down her arms, and her eyes closed, and laid her little mouth up as nice, and pretty, and cossin' like as could be, and if I didn't get a receipt in full, and a little over, then I say nothin'. I'd risk another any way for the same chance, but I guess Susan will keep her eyes all around her arter this.

SUBTERRANEAN VILLAGE.—"Accident," says the Progres du Pas de Calais, "has just brought to light an ancient subterranean village in the Commune of Hermies, near Bapaume. During the late heavy rains a considerable land-slip took place, leaving an immense chasm, into which some of the young men of Hermies, with more courage than prudence, descended by means of ladders to the depth of 80 yards. Great was their astonishment in finding themselves in the midst of streets bordered by cells and chambers, which evidently had been formerly inhabited.—The streets are wide enough for a vehicle to pass, and the chambers which are of different sizes, amount, according to the aggregate statements perhaps of the explorers, to 1400 or 1500. They were particularly struck by a winding staircase, which they descended, and at length discovered that it reached the bottom of the tower of the church at Hermies, into which they soon made a way. In continuing the progress of their researches, the candles they had with them were extinguished by the foulness of the air, and they were forced to retreat. On reaching the spot where they had descended, one of the party was missing. His companions, though without any light returned in search of him, and discovered him fallen into a well twenty yards deep. They succeeded in getting him out, but with one leg broken and nearly suffocated.

POPULAR COMMOTIONS.—Slowly and quietly, as the Rhine gathers its masses of ice, does mischief gather in a nation; and as the Rhine hurls down its avalanches in thunder, without warning, so does the spirit of evil break forth and scatter ruin around.

From the Ladies' Companion for May.
A Tribute of Gratitude.
BY FRANCES S. OSGOOD.

"Know ye the land," where they welcome the stranger,
With smiles as with hand, frank, confiding, sincere;
Where the lonely, the longest, the sorrowing ranger,
Like a brother, they watch over, cherish and cheer?

We're a smile, warm and radiant, every where meets him,
On earth—in the air—from the arch o'er his head—
And the sweetest, and purest, and glowest, that greets him,
From the eyes of its own merry maiden's, is shed?

"Know ye the land," in which nature is never
Without some wild blossom, to twine in her hair?—
In the hearts of its children, 'tis summer for ever.
The summer of love and joy:—know ye the land?

Where the gifted are met with a sympathy glowing,
As that which a diamond yields to the light,
When it sends back the smile of the sunbeam, bestowing
New brilliance and bloom on the messenger bright?

That land—in the eyes—in the souls of whose daughters,
Sleep all the rich glory and fire of its skies,
Subdued, as when fire in the depth of the waters,
To Heaven, its own softened image replies?

There the lord, on whose bosom, a rainbow is changing—
The Nonpareil—plays its soft plumage of blue,
And Beauty—as matchless—mid rare blossoms raging,
Bounds, bloom and wakes—a Nonpareil too!

There the Lory and Oriole glance on gay pinions,
There the regal Magnolia's snow banners wave—
Tis the land of the high hearted, proud Cavalcade—
Tis the land of the noble—the bright, and the brave!

Ladies' Department.

Advice to Young Ladies.
BY MRS. FARRAR.

There is no objection to your having a great deal of friendly talk, and many social visits from gentlemen of approved character and known moral worth; but do not fall into the prevalent fashion of talking about *Platonic loves*, and having one gentleman devoted to you in public and in private, as your chosen friend and confidant. That is a fully pregnant with mischief, where it is entered upon in good faith, and it is rendered doubly odious by the use some ladies make of it, merely to secure to themselves a beau upon all occasions. Much nonsense is talked about Platonic love, by girls who know not the real meaning of the word, and who designate, by that term, the restless craving of their hearts for sympathy, but who are the farthest removed from the calm and pure sentiment described by Plato.

The offer of a man's heart and hand is the greatest compliment he can pay you; and, however undesirable those gifts may be, they should be courteously and kindly declined; and, since a refusal is, to most men, not only a disappointment, but a mortification, it should always be prevented, if possible. Men have various ways of cherishing and declaring their attachment, those who indicate the bias of their feelings in many intelligible ways, before they make a direct offer, can generally be spared the pain of a refusal. If you do not mean to accept a gentleman who is paying you very marked attentions, you should avoid receiving them whenever you can; you should not allow him to escort you; you should show your displeasure when joked about him; and, if sounded by a mutual friend, let your want of reciprocal feelings be very apparent.

You may, however, be taken entirely by surprise, because there are men so secret in these matters that they do not let even the object of their affections suspect their preference, until they suddenly declare themselves lovers and suitors. In such a case as that, you will need all your presence of mind, or the hesitation produced by surprise, may give rise to false hopes. If you have any doubt upon the matter, you may fairly ask time to consider of it, on the grounds of you never having thought of the gentleman in the light of a lover before; but if you are resolved against the suit, endeavor to make your answer, so decided as to finish the affair at once. Inexperienced girls sometimes feel so much the pain they are inflicting, that they use phrases which feed a lover's hopes; but this is a mistaken tenderness; your answer should be as decided as it is courteous.

Whenever an offer is made in writing, you should reply to it as soon as possible; and having, in this case, none of the embarrassment of a personal interview, you can make such a careful selection of words as will best convey your meaning. If the person is estimable, you should express your sense of his merit, and your gratitude for his preference; and put the refusal of his hand on the score of your total feeling for him that peculiar preference necessary to the union he seeks. This makes a refusal as little painful as possible, and soothes the feelings you are obliged to wound. The gentleman's letter should be returned in your reply, and your lips should be closed upon the subject forever afterward. It is his secret, and you have no right to tell it to any one; but if your parents are your confidential friends on all other occasions, he will not blame you for telling them.

Your young female friends should never be allowed to tease or banter you into the betrayal of this secret. You cannot turn your ingenuity to better account than by using it to baffle their curiosity. Some girls are tempted to tell of an offer and refusal, in order to account for a cessation of those attentions on the part of the gentleman, which have before been so constant and marked, as to be observed by their friends. But this is no sufficient reason for telling another person's secrets. You cannot always prevent a suspicion of the truth, but you should never confirm it by any disclosure of yours.

If you are so situated as to meet the gentleman whose hand you have refused, you should do it with frank cordiality, and put him at ease by behaving as if nothing particular had passed between you. If this manner of yours is so far mistaken as to lead to a renewal of the offer, let him see, as soon as possible, that he has nothing to hope from importunity; and that if he would preserve your friendship, he must seek for nothing more. Always endeavor to make true friends of your rejected lovers, by the delicacy and honor with which you treat them. If, when your own conduct has been unexceptionable, your refusal to marry a man produces resentment, it argues some fault of character in him, and can only be lamented in silence. The feeling of many a high-minded man, on such an occasion, is akin to that which I once knew expressed by a noble, and delicate soul, who had loved a friend of mine in vain; so far from feeling mortified or angry, he said, "I am proud to have loved you." Such a sentiment does honor to both parties.

Never think the love of a man because he has been refused, even if it be by a lady whom you do not highly value. It is nothing to his disadvantage. In exercising their prerogative of making the first advance, the wisest will occasionally make great mistakes, and the best will often be drawn into an affair of this sort against their better judgment, and both are but too happy if they escape with only the pain of being refused. So far from its being any reason for not accepting a wise and good man when he offers himself to you, it should only increase your thankfulness to the overruling Providence of God which received him for you, and to the lady through whose instrumentality he is still free to choose.

Love, in the heart of a woman, should partake largely of the nature of gratitude; she should love because she is already loved by one deserving her regard; and if you never allowed yourself to think of gentleness in the light of lovers or husbands until you were asked to do so, you would escape much suffering.

The credulity of women, on the subject of being loved, is very great; they often mistake a common liking for a particular regard, and, on this foundation, build up a castle in the air, and fill it with all the treasures of their bright hopes and confiding love, and, when some startling fact destroys the vision, they feel as if the whole creation were a blank to them, and they were the most injured of women. It is safer to be very skeptical on the subject of being loved; but, if you do make the mistake, take all the blame to yourself, and save your dignity by secrecy, if you cannot keep your heart from loving.

If you only have a wholesome dread of being entangled, and watch over your preference with a jealous eye, you need never be caught in the snares of Cupid. If one person is becoming supposed in your thoughts, if his society is more and more necessary to your happiness, if what he does and says seems more important than that of any one else, it is time to be on your guard, time to deny yourself the dangerous pleasure of his company, time to turn your thoughts resolutely to something else. The beginning of a preference may be checked, it may be stifled to death; it is only by indulgence that it becomes unmanageable. Speaking of it to any one, even to your bosom friend, is dangerous; so long as no one knows your weakness, you have strong inducements to behave as if it did not exist, and that self-command is good for you. Directing the mind vigorously to some new study is a wholesome remedy, and a generous devotion to the happiness of others will prevent painful reflections.

Final Charge of the British Guards at Waterloo.

"UP, GUARDS, AND AT THEM!" is one of those memorable sentences, standing for the symbols and representatives of great events, which, like Cæsar's report, "Veni, vidi, vici," and Nelson's signal, "England expects every man to do his duty," have imprinted themselves, in capital letters, on the page of history, and been admitted among the mnemonics of nations. At the sound, fancy sees the hill top, on which Death had sat, like a crowned monarch, through all the dreadful day of Waterloo, warming with the life as the sudden resurrection—and hears the answering shout, when the hurricane of war swept down its slopes that tore into shreds the banner of France, and laid an empire in the dust!

The last charge of the British Guards on the 18th of June, beside being, necessarily, rich in picturesque effect, is an incident of the most dramatic interest, as being the point of crisis in one of those great actions by which the destiny of nations is conspicuously moulded. But, more than such incidents in general, it derives a peculiar interest of its own from the circumstances by which it had been preceded. Perhaps, of all the fields on which British valor has ever made its most conspicuous displays, there never was one so remarkable as Waterloo for that peculiar characteristic of the national courage which distinguishes it from the courage of most other races of men, and singularly contrasts it with that of the nation which was its immediate opponent on the fay in question;—we allude to its constitutional quality of calm and patient endurance. A more gallant nation than France the sun does not view; but a Frenchman's valor is nourished upon its own action, and must be permitted to breathe itself, or it dies. It is better formed for brilliant achievement than sheer resistance. With French troops, or any other troops than British, it may well be doubted if Wellington could have won the field of Waterloo; and part of his great merit consists in his perfect knowledge of the materials with which he had to work, and the entire confidence with which, since a system of tactics so desperate and trying seemed necessary to the success of his operations, he reposed on the unyielding constancy of the British soldier. Twenty times during that dreary day would his combinations have been thwarted by the irrepressible impatience of men as gallant but more impetuous, under the irritations that goaded almost to madness, and solidded more startingly than trumpets to the charge, the Battle of Waterloo was a continued succession of tremendous charges by the French columns on the British squares; and hour after hour did these gallant heroes, amid all the maddening excitements of the scene, stand to be mowed down on the spots where they had been placed, watering manumurningly with their blood the ground on which a glorious harvest was about to be reaped, though well they knew that they should not be in at the gathering. The death of each exposed square was like the desperate one of a forlorn hope. "When will we get at them?" was the passionate cry of the Irish Regiments, when death flew through their ranks, and their temper at times all but failed. "The loss of individual Regiments under circumstances so mortalising," says an historian of the scene, "was prodigious. One had four hundred men mowed down in square, without drawing a trigger; it lost almost all its officers, and a Subaltern commanded it for half the day."—Another, "when nearly annihilated, sent to require support; none could be given; and the Commanding Officer was told that 'he must stand or fall where he was.'" Knowing the tremendous sacrifice that was going on, Napoleon calculated on wearying the British into defeat. Ever and again the masses of the enemy came dashing against the British squares, and were rolled back as from stone walls—but not without making fearful breaches in the living masonry, which were instantly and steadily filled up. Never was a state of inaction so dreadful and so dreary. Oh! for one blast of the bugle that should have broken that fearful paralysis of the limbs of war, and sounded to the charge!—And it came at length!—awakening the myriad energies that had slumbered through all that long and desolating day, into one tremendous and irresistible burst of action, and gathering the hoarded vengeance of its weary hours into one vast impulse, beneath whose discharge a dynasty perished from the earth!

It was after the Prussians had begun to debouch from the woods of Saint Lambert, that Napoleon, seeing the day was lost, unless he could make an instant impression on the British front, led on his Old Imperial Guard to the front of the hill, behind whose crest the British Guards lay couched like lions. Here he paused, on the remonstrances of his Staff, and Ney landed this last great venture up the hill. The hour was come when the sleepy spell was broken, and the fearful nightmare which had, all day, sat among the British squares, at length shaken off. Gallantly, amid showers of grape and canister shot, the Imperial Guard swept up, and gallantly they crossed the ridge of a hill. Then it was that the word of power went forth—"Up, Guards, and at them!" The tide of war, which had flowed all day toward the British lines, was rolled back; the Cavalry came pouring in the track of the gallant Guards, and the Duke closed his telescope, and gave the final order for the whole British line to advance. When was ever order so exultingly obeyed?—Wounds, and fatigue, and hunger, were all forgotten. With their customary steadiness they began to cross the ridge; but Nature had been strained to her extremest point of forbearance, and when they saw the French before them, a cry arose that seemed to rend the heavens.—When Silence again descended on that field, to sit there with his natural ally, Death, the state to which Napoleon trusted had fought against him in their courses, as they did against Saxon of old—the eagles were low on the plain, whence they never soared again, and the flag of the silver lilies was waving to the breezes of France!

Scenes in Ireland.

The most usual site selected for the farm houses in the northern side of a valley, so as to be protected from the wind by the mountains at the back, and to enjoy as great a share of sunshine as possible. * * The walls of the house rarely exceed eight feet in height, and are pierced with a window or door under each gable. Their thickness, and the necessity of making the openings of the windows wider on the outside than at the casements, gives these holes the appearance of the embrasures of a rampart, which is further increased by the house being covered with grass, and built on a gentle slope. I had often observed a number of cows' sculls laying on the wall of the hay yard, and had been at a loss to discover to what use they could be put, till I found that they were universally kept as sieves for milking. Occasionally a very small garden is to be met with in front of farm houses, in which a few dwarfish vegetables live, but can scarcely be said to grow. Round about are scattered numbers of small hovels, sufficiently high to admit of sheep taking shelter in them during stormy weather; and on the sea coast an additional building, called a hiattle, is always to be found, which serves to dry their fish in, its four sides being made of open bars of wood, to admit the wind from every quarter. * * Entering by the principal door, we proceed up a damp stone passage, ornamented with saddles, bridles, and all kinds of horse furniture. At every step the light diminishes; and, as it entirely vanishes, we are left to grope our way through low doorways, till we arrive at the "Eld Hoos," or kitchen, in the centre of the building, the only place in which a fire is ever kindled, except among the richest people. To the right and left are various apartments, destined for household purposes; and, after many twistings and turnings, we reached the "guest room," reserved for purposes indicated by its name. It has the advantage of being panelled, and contains the best furniture in the house. When not occupied by a stranger, it serves as a receptacle for every article not in immediate use. The side-saddles, spinning wheels, &c. are piled on the bed in the greatest confusion, and the rest of the apartment is crowded with large chests, which do the double duty of containing the attire of the family, and serving as seats; and as all this takes place in rooms which rarely exceed twelve feet by ten, it may be easily conceived that there is not much space for the live inmates. The garret, which is the place principally occupied by the family, is approached by an opening in the ceiling, by the assistance of a ladder. The form of the garret will not admit of standing upright, except in the middle; but the whole is made available by having berths, like on board ship, along each side. The room is lighted by a small window at each end, and not more than is sufficient to see one's way. In this style of apartment the whole family sleep, and the necessity of a fire is thus avoided by the numbers that are crowded together. In this dark room it is always dangerous to move along, from the prevalent custom of leaving some of the boards in the floor loose and unplaned. In case of a death occurring in the house at a time when it would be inconvenient to fetch timber from the coast, recourse can at once be had to this part of the floor for materials for a coffin, and the deficiency caused thereby can be made good the following summer.—Hon. A. Dillon's Winter in Iceland.

Dawn.
BY N. P. WILLIS.

Throw up the window! 'Tis a morn for life
In its most subtle luxury. The air
Is like a breathing from a rarer world;
And the south wind comes liquid—it is embrace
My bosom and my brow so lightingly
It has some of gardens, and the flowers
That kissed it are betrayed, for as it parts
With outstretched fingers, my loose hair,
I know it has been trifling with the rose,
And stooping to the violet. There is joy
For all living creatures in it. The old leaves
Are starting to its touch, and birds are singing
As if to breathe were music; and the grass
Bends up its modest color with the dew,
Like the small tribute of humility.
Lovely indeed is nature. I have drank
Its fragrance and its freshness, and have felt
Its delicate touch, and 'tis a kindliness
Than meter, or a feast, or medicine.

I had a smile from an unpleasant dream,
And light was pleasant to me. I looked out
To feel the common air, and when the breath
Of the dew-wet morning touched my cheek
Cooling its fever, and the pleasant sun
Shone on familiar objects, it was like
The feeling of the captive, who comes forth
From darkness to the sunlight and light of day.
Oh! could I ever wake thus sweetly—were it all
A troubled dream this thing to cast aside
Like an untimely garment with the morn,
Could the long fever of the heart be cooled
By a sweet breathing from nature, or the gloom
Of a betrayed affection pass away
With looking on the lovely tint of flowers—
How lightly were the spirit consecrated
To make this beautiful bright world its home.

Juvenile Department.

From Pictures of Early Life
A Day's Pleasure.
BY MRS. E. C. EMBURY.

Based not upon itself or to morrow.

"How I wish I could sleep for a whole week," said Mary Herbert, as she threw down her books, and snipped about the room.

"What is the matter, Mary?" said her aunt, looking up, surprised.

"O, aunt Susan, I am so glad! mother has promised to take me to Brooklyn, when she goes to see Mrs. Ellison; and I shall have a fine range in her large garden. We are to go next Thursday, if the weather is fine, and I wish I could sleep away the time till Thursday comes."

"How can you express such a foolish wish, my child?" said her aunt, gravely; "would you be willing to lose so much precious time, merely because you cannot restrain your impatient desire of enjoyment?"

"Well, the time will seem so long; I shall be constantly thinking of next Thursday, and I am sure I shall not be able to study my lessons properly until it is over."

"Had your mother suspected you of such folly, Mary, she would scarcely have promised you the pleasure. She designed it as a reward for past good conduct; but she certainly did not suppose it would lead to inattention and impatience."

"But, aunt, I have so long wanted to visit Mrs. Ellison's daughters; they have so many pretty toys and books, a fine garden, abundance of fruit and flowers, a little pony, and a great dog, our own Hector, you know, whom mother gave to Mrs. Ellison, when first we moved to this crowded city."

"All very great attractions, doubtless, my dear Mary, but none worth the price you are willing to pay for them."

"I don't understand you, ma'am," said the little girl, looking puzzled.

"Can you tell me how much time you usually spend in study every week?"

"Let me see; geography, grammar, spelling, arithmetic, and writing, occupy from nine o'clock in the morning, until twelve, every day; then there is one hour for French and two for music; that makes six hours each day, and thirty six hours a week."

"What use do you make of the remainder of your time, Mary?"

"Twice a week, I take a lesson in drawing; and reading, sewing, which I do so hate, waiting and weeding my garden, playing with little Henry, and sleeping, take up all the rest of the time."

"Thirty six hours of close attention to your studies, will afford you much important information, Mary, besides aiding you in the formation of diligent habits, which will last you for life. And the needlework, which you so much dislike, is not only an essential branch of female knowledge, but will also form a powerful auxiliary in your moral education."

"How?" aunt Susan."

"Whenever, my child, a sense of duty compels you to forego your inclinations and control your rebellious spirit, you have gained a victory over yourself, the results of which will be seen in afterlife. When you sit down to your sewing with reluctance, and yet can so far subdue your feelings as to wear a cheerful countenance, while you persevere until your task is finished, in spite of temptations to neglect, you are strengthening in a manner, the saying of the wise man, 'Better is he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city.' The world is a scene of trial. We are rarely enabled to exhibit talents and accomplishments, but we are daily called upon for the exercise of patience, forbearance, obedience, and resignation. The sooner, therefore, we acquire such habits, the better for ourselves; and whenever you put aside your own will, not from a fear of punishment, but from a sense of duty, you are strengthening your moral character. Your time is now unvaluable, because you are not only improving your mental, but also your moral nature. Habits are now to be formed which will go with you through life; and a lost day, now, will occasion a lost year in future. The cultivation of your heart is to be now commenced. Your affections are to be fostered, and your kindly feelings properly directed."

"I am sure, aunt Susan, it requires no study to love one's friends; I have never tried to love my parents, nor did I ever find it a task to love you," said Mary.

"I know that, my sweet child, your affectionate temper disposes you to look upon all around you with regard; but such indiscriminate tenderness, though very lovely in a little girl, would be a source of great sorrow to you in afterlife, if not checked and controlled. If your love was always to be bestowed as lavishly as now, you would encounter many a disappointment, and therefore even your best feelings require daily, almost hourly, training. Now, if you could sacrifice so large a proportion of moral and mental culture, or, to use your own words, if you could sleep for a week would it not be paying a great price for a day's pleasure?"

Mary hung her head, and made no reply, though her countenance betrayed her consciousness of error. She took the earliest opportunity to quit the room; and, secretly resolving to be doubly attentive to her duties for the coming week, sat down to her tasks. But, like many older and wiser people, little Mary found it easier to make good resolutions, than to keep them. The idea of future enjoyment would intrude upon her more serious thoughts. She found herself imagining the limits of Mrs. Ellison's garden, when she should have been defining the boundaries of a State; and counting the hours which must pass before the visit could be made, instead of proving her arithmetical calculations. But she certainly tried to do her best, and she succeeded better than she had at first expected.

[To be continued.]

Written for the Saturday Evening Post
Geographical Enigma.

I am composed of twenty three letters.

My 4, 2, 19, 9, 16, 4, & 13, is a county in the State of N. Y.
My 2, 21, 21, 14, 9 & 13, is a missionary station in Georgia
My 3, 2, 14, 10, 5, 7, 13, 15 19 & 16, is a city in Louisiana.
My 2, 6, 16, 21, 10 and 3, is a Town in Pennsylvania.
My 3, 15, 7, 2, 16, 8 and 17, is a City in North Carolina.
My 6, 21, 17, 13, 23 and 16, is a Town in Georgia
My 7, 3, 14, 10 and 16, is a County in New York.
My 8, 13, 22, 5, 19, 4, 21, 10, 14 & 3, is a City in Maryland.
My 16, 16, 14, 4, 1 and 22, is a Town in New York.
My 2, 6, 21, 10 and 3, is a Town in Ohio.
My 8, 9, 22 16, 13 and 9, is a Town in New York.
My 4, 6, 16, 21, 10 and 23, is a Town in Maryland.
My 14, 6, 21, 4, 11, 7, 22 and 10, is a Town in New York.
My 13, 21, 17, 3, 19 and 16, is a Town in Pennsylvania.
My 16, 21, 4, 5, 7, 16, 3 and 8, is a Mountain in Kentucky.
My 17, 6, 5, 14, 15, 16, 22 and 10, is a County in Indiana.
My 5, 10, 6, 10 and 9, is a County in Tennessee.
My 19, 16, 6, 1, 5 and 13, is a County in New York.
My 20, 14, 4, 2 and 19 is a County in Pennsylvania.
My 21, 18, 22, 8 and 6, is a County in New York.
My 10, 13, 14, 4, 20 and 22, is a County in New York.
My 23, 9, 14, 21, 10 and 3, is a Town in New York.

My whole is the name of the first celebrated man the United States produced.

An Answer to the above is requested.

Farmers' Department.

From the Journal of the American Silk Society
The Grape Vine.

There are few things that afford more pleasure for the expense of time and trouble than a good and well managed grape vine. From considerable observation the editor of this Journal was led to conclude, that a very erroneous practice was generally pursued in relation to grape vines; and three years ago determined to try an experiment. The error in practice alluded to is this: the vine is permitted to grow to the full extent of its ability, and thus every season a large portion of wood has to be cut off and thrown away. It occurred to the writer that this waste of the power of the plant might and ought to be prevented. Accordingly in the spring of 1837, he obtained an Isabella vine, one year old from the layer, having a very good root, and planted it in an ordinary soil, of rather a sandy quality, putting a wheelbarrow load of wood yard manure and old lime mortar about the root. As soon as it began to grow he rubbed off all the buds but one, and trained that perpendicularly, rubbing off during the season all side shoots; and when it had reached to the top of a second story balcony nipped the end off, thus stopping its further growth. In the spring of 1838, he rubbed off every bud but two at the top of the vine, and trained these two along the front of the balcony, having stretched a large wire along the posts for their support. He rubbed off every side bud during the season, as at first. Both shoots made about thirty-five feet of growth this season. In the spring of 1839, every joint on the horizontal shoots were permitted to send forth its buds, and grow unmolested, till the branches had fairly set fruit, generally until they were about 18 inches long. Then the end of each branch was nipped off, and its further growth. The perpendicular stem was carefully prevented from sending out buds. The whole plant was carefully watched that no more buds might be permitted to grow—each one being rubbed off as soon as it appeared. Thus from about the middle of June, the vine was not permitted to form any new wood. During the season the grapes grew uncommonly well, and every one ripened in good season, and was very fine, as was proved by the numerous company at the Horticultural Beauty exhibition, who unanimously pronounced them the finest grapes there. The produce of the vine was *three hundred and fifteen bunches*, all very large, and the berries of uncommon size. The society awarded to them its first premium for native grapes. Almost every body, however, doubted whether the plant had not been injured by this excessive bearing of fruit; and many old gardeners considered that it would be killed by it. The writer never doubted on this score. He had only compelled the plant to *make* fruit, instead of wood to be cut off and thrown away, and has no doubt that if he had been able to get the season before a greater length of wood for fruit branches, the plant would have supported a much larger quantity of fruit. On trimming the vine preparatory to its bearing in 1840, there was very little wood to be cut off. Only two buds were left on each branch of last year's growth, and these are now growing and showing fruit buds very finely. The vine is not dead, nor does it appear to have been injured in the least by last year's hard work. So far, the experiment is beautifully successful, and we now feel authorized to recommend this plan to all who love fine fruit. It must be born in mind that the experiment was made with Isabella grape; we of course cannot say any thing about its applicability to other kinds from *experience*; but the same reasoning applies with equal force to all kinds. If the powers of a plant can be turned from the formation of wood to that of making fruit, as we have proved it can be in the case of the Isabella grape, we do not see any reason why the experiment may not be successful with all kinds of grapes and fruit.—The thing we do know that a plant that bears fruit does not grow as much as one that does not; and we are hence authorized to infer, that the power of the plant may be directed at pleasure, either to the growth of fruit or of wood—that by suppressing the one, you may increase the other, to a very great extent. The vine above described has attracted the attention of numerous persons, and many have determined to follow the example. It may be observed that the vine occupies no room at all in the garden. It grows close in the corner of the house, a single stem ascending fourteen feet to the balcony, when it starts off horizontally, as above described, along the balcony. Thus every house in the city that has a yard at all, so that the vine may be set in the earth, may have just such a supply of delicious grapes as the writer of this had last fall.

S. S. S.

DAUGHTER OF FEMALE SOCIETY.—I can't look full in a purty gal's face, all a flashing so, without being kind a dazzled and scorched. It makes me up and kindles such a pulse in my heart that the blood runs through it as hot as if it had run through a steam pipe. And then the allfired things have so many ally ways of coming over a fellur with them are crinkum crankums of them, that I don't think much of a fellur that can see their purty mouths work and not feel his own work too. If they sidle up, I can't help sidlin too if I died, and when their black eyes fall flash on me, I walt right down under 'em as